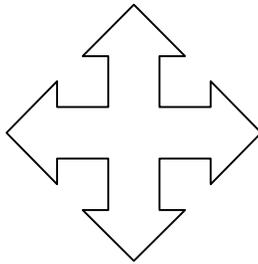


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Heaven?



Hell?

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This is a revised edition of the book and it is not to be sold. We are told in the second part of Matthew 10: 8 “*freely you received, freely give.*” The book was compiled from a number of sermons that I gave over the past few months and is intended as a reference manual for like-minded Nazarene Jewish/Israelite believers.

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Foreword

This book is written to record some of the primary tenets of our Nazarene Jewish faith. We know that the initial believers in Yahshua the Messiah were identified as the Jewish sect of the Nazarenes, according to Acts 24: 5 and 14. Rav Shaul (Paul) was identified as the ring-leader of the Nazarenes. The fourth century "Church father" Epiphanius describes the Nazarenes as follows (this is an extract from Dr. James Trimm's web page entitled Nazarene Judaism):

'But these sectarians...did not call themselves Christians – but "Nazarenes,"...However they are simply complete Jews. They use not only the New Testament but the Old Testament as well, as the Jews do... They have no different ideas, but confess everything exactly as the Law proclaims it and in the Jewish fashion except for their belief in Messiah, if you please! For they acknowledge both the resurrection of the dead and the divine creation of all things, and declare that G-d is one, and that his son is Y'shua the Messiah. They are trained to a nicety in Hebrew. For among them the entire Law, the Prophets, and the ...Writings... are read in Hebrew, as they surely are by the Jews. They are different from the Jews, and different from Christians, only in the following. They disagree with Jews because they have come to faith in Messiah; but since they are still fettered by the Law...circumcision, the Sabbath, and the rest...they are not in accord with Christians...they are nothing but Jews.... They have the Goodnews according to Matthew in its entirety in Hebrew. For it is clear that they still preserve this, in the Hebrew alphabet, as it was originally written.'

In harmony with the above and in total agreement with Dr. Trimm's statement, we are seeking today to put Yahshua back into the context of first century Judaism. However, since not all of us are Jews by birth, we are also known as Nazarene Israel, due to the law of inheritance recorded in Galatians 3: 26 to Galatians 4: 31 and Galatians 6: 16.

All Scriptures used are from the 'NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE', unless otherwise indicated. Set-apart Names corrected in quotes used, in accord with this Bible's 'Principles of Translation'.

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Chapter1: The Oneness of Elohim.

We read in Deuteronomy 6: 4, **"Hear, O Israel! YHVH is our Elohim – YHVH is one!"** How do we understand the word one? One means a single thing or unit, not two or more. The same applies to the Hebrew word for one, which is transliterated as 'echad'. If you ask any Hebrew-speaking toddler what the word 'echad' means, he/she will put up one finger. How does YHVH who is the Almighty, define the word one. In Deuteronomy 32: 39, He says: **"See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me"**. However, we see according to Genesis 1: 5 that 'One' may be made up of more than a single part, i.e. **"And Elohim called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one (echad) day."**

YHVH has no form according to Deuteronomy 4: 12 **"Then YHVH spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form – only a voice."** In addition we see that YHVH is infinite according to 1 Kings 8: 27 **"But will Elohim dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!"** It is for this reason that man's mind cannot understand YHVH, as He cannot be defined nor can He be bordered. This is perhaps why it is so difficult to try to explain the essence of YHVH, whom we know, is boundless and infinite. To try to explain the unexplained, we make use of the Hebrew words 'Eyn Sof'. Eyn Sof is the very essence of YHVH. In Hebrew Eyn means 'there is nothing' and Sof means 'end', 'termination', 'border' or 'definition'. Together Eyn Sof means without definition or borders. To tell the truth, Eyn Sof cannot be defined and we cannot even understand the term.

Look at another person, a tree, or even your computer. All these things are "substance" that cannot be defined unless they are bordered. They are molecules that cannot be seen or defined, unless they are bound together. When a believer dies, his/her body (and soul) is buried and returns to the dust from which it was made. The believer's spirit which cannot be seen returns to YHVH who gave it to the believer at immersion. Even though the believer's

borders has been removed or taken away, yet he/she exists, be it in another dimension. In support of this, Yahshua said to Martha in John 11: 25 & 26, ***“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*** This is talking about the spirits of true believers, that go back to YHVH when we die, and are perfected in heaven according to Hebrews 12: 23, as follows: ***“to the general assembly and ecclesia of the first-born, who are enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.”***

Anything visible and anything that can be grasped by thought is bounded or finite. Anything finite is not undifferentiated. Conversely, the boundless is Eyn Sof or infinite. Since Eyn Sof is boundless, there is nothing outside of it. It transcends and conceals itself, it is the essence of everything hidden and revealed. Eyn Sof cannot be expressed, though it is intimated in everything that exists, as there is nothing outside of it. No letter, no name, no writing, nothing can define or confine it. Eyn Sof has no will, no intention, no thought; no speech no action, yet all these things exist because of its existence and by Him bordering these concepts in order that we might relate. Yet, the Scriptures do assign attributes to YHVH our Elohim.

These attributes can clearly be seen in the following passages:

“And the Spirit of YHVH (Keter) will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom¹ (Chochmah) and understanding (Binah), the spirit of counsel (Atzah) and strength (Gevurah), the spirit of knowledge (Da'at) and of the fear (yirah) of YHVH.” (Isaiah 11:2).

“Thine, O YHVH, is the greatness (Chesed), and the power² (Gevurah), and the glory (Tiferet), and the victory (Netzach), and the majesty (Hod), indeed everything that is in the heavens and in the earth; Thine is the dominion (Malkut), O YHVH, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.” (1 Chronicles 29:11).

¹ Yahshua is the Wisdom of Elohim: 1 Corinthians 1: 24 & Isaiah 11: 2. Also see Proverbs 8: 22.

² Yahshua is the Power of Elohim: 1 Corinthians 1: 24 & Isaiah 11: 2.

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation (Yesod) firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.” (Isaiah 28:16).

“Give thanks to YHVH, for His lovingkindness (mercy - Chesed) is everlasting.” (2 Chronicles. 20:21).

These attributes list out as follows:

1. The Spirit of YHVH (called Crown [Keter])
2. Wisdom (Chockmah)
3. Understanding (Binah)
4. Mercy, LOVE (Chesed) (also Gedulah and Atzah)
5. Severity (Gevurah)
6. Harmony/Beauty (Tiferet)
7. Victory (Netzach)
8. Splendor (Hod)
9. Foundation (Yesod)
10. Kingdom/Kingship (Malchut)

According to 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, we (mankind) consist of three parts, namely: spirit, soul and body - yet as individuals we are one. Similarly the One Elohim has three Parts as explained in Romans 1: 19 - 20: ***“Because that which is known about Elohim is evident within them (mankind); for Elohim made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible qualities (YHVH is invisible, and has no form³), His eternal power (Yahshua is the Power of Elohim⁴) and divine nature (The Set-apart Spirit is the***

³ According to 1 Timothy 1: 17 YHVH our Elohim is eternal, immortal and invisible: ***“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Elohim, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”*** This is confirmed in 1 Timothy 6: 16, as follows: ***“who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.”*** YHVH can not be understood by mankind, since we cannot see or define Him. He is the invisible Elohim.

⁴ Colossians 1: 15, talking about Yahshua, states that He is the image of the invisible Elohim. This implies that we look like Yahshua as we read in Genesis 1: 27 that: ***“And Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim He created him; male and female He created them.”*** YHVH worked with human beings by appearing in the flesh thus becoming their kinsman redeemer. In Exodus 13: 14 we read: ***“And it shall be when your son asks in time to come, saying, ‘What is this?’ then you shall say to him, ‘With a powerful hand YHVH brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.’”*** In the last part of Psalm 98: 1

divine nature of Elohim⁵), **have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.**" YHVH is not three persons in one, but He like us, consists of three parts.

In John 1: 1, 14 & 18 we read: ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. (14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and truth. (18) No man has seen Elohim at any time; the only begotten Elohim, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."*** It is clear from these scriptures that Yahshua is the "visible" part of the invisible Elohim. YHVH "bordered" certain parts of His being in order that man could relate to Him in some way. Some of these parts are defined or bordered within the revelation of the ten attributes of YHVH, listed above. Through these parts we can "see" the man Yahshua, certain parts of YHVH bordered in His person. We can understand his words, see his compassion, witness his love, and see how he relates to humankind in this manner. He said in John 14: 7 ***"If you had known***

we read: ***"His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him."*** In Isaiah 52: 10 we read: ***"YHVH has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our Elohim."*** The name Yahshua means salvation as can be understood from Matthew 1: 21 ***"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Yahshua, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."*** Yahshua the salvation of YHVH is His right hand and holy arm. In 1 Corinthians 1: 24 we read; ***"but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of Elohim and the wisdom of Elohim."*** Yes YHVH has brought Israel out of both the slavery of Egypt and sin, with a powerful hand: He indeed is our Savior.

⁵ The spiritual essence of YHVH is His divine nature. We are given a small portion of His divine nature, called a pledge of our inheritance when we are sealed by the Set - apart Spirit at immersion, according to Ephesians 1: 13 & 14 ***"In Him you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of Elohim's own possession, to the praise of His glory."*** It is by the indwelling of the Set-apart Spirit, that we demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit or divine nature of love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and the like. In 1 Corinthians 2: 11 & 12 we read: ***"For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of Elohim no one knows except the Spirit of Elohim. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from Elohim, that we might know the things freely given to us by Elohim."*** Also see 2 Peter 1: 4.

Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” Since, we can relate to Yahshua, we are also able to 'find' our way to YHVH through Him. But, we need to understand that YHVH did not put all of Himself within the borders of Yahshua, as it is impossible to place infinity within something finite. We know that all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Also all green beans are vegetables, but not all vegetables are green beans. Do you get the meaning? YHVH "became" a man in Yahshua, but Yahshua does not "contain" all of what YHVH is.... Because YHVH cannot be contained within definable borders, as He is Eyn Sof.

Yahshua is not another YHVH: He is the visible image of YHVH that was manifested in the flesh, the purpose of which was that He the Creator of Mankind could be their kinsman redeemer – He died for the sins of mankind and to be able to remarry His bride Israel, whom He divorced because of her adultery with the pagan gods of this world. Only the life of YHVH is worth more than the lives of all of mankind together - so only He could redeem us from the second death. We read accordingly in Psalms 49: 7, ***“No man can by any means redeem his brother, Or give to Elohim a ransom for him-”*** and in verse 15, ***“But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of sheol, for He will receive me.”*** This confirms that only YHVH our Elohim can redeem us or pay for our sins; YHVH is our Savior, which is the meaning of the name Yahshua.

Nevertheless, the oneness of Elohim is revealed to us - it is not something that we learn, as Yahshua explained in Matthew 11: 25 – 27, in this way: ***‘At that time Yahshua answered and said, “I praise Thee, O Father, Master of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”***

We read in Colossians 1: 15, ***“And He (Yahshua) is the image of the invisible Elohim, the first-born (or resurrected) of all***

creation.” A second witness to this is recorded in 2 Corinthians 4: 3 & 4, as follows: **“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim.”** In Genesis 1: 26 & 27 we read that YHVH created us in His image and likeness⁶. This means that we look like Yahshua, the image or likeness of Elohim. 1Timothy 6: 16 confirms that YHVH is invisible and no man has seen Him or can see Him. But, we know that He reveals Himself in many ways, characteristics and personalities, which includes, but are not limited to the Heavenly Father, Yahshua the Son, the Word, the Messiah, the Angel or Messenger of YHVH and the Set-apart Spirit.

Some Churches believe that YHVH is two separate beings. Others believe that He consists of three persons in one. Another group goes, as far as to say that Yahshua was an Angel before His human birth. Are they correct? The answer is a resounding No! However, we must understand the reasoning behind this. In our inability to comprehend the Almighty, we try to understand the concepts that we find in the Scriptures. That is the only way that humans understand something. But instead of trying to understand the infinite, should we not take YHVH our Elohim at His Word. If He says He is One, why do we not believe Him - is He a liar? If YHVH says in the latter part of Isaiah 44: 6 ***"I am the first and I am the last, And there is no Elohim besides Me"***, do we believe Him? We know that Yahshua said the same thing a number of times, one of which is recorded in

⁶ The BAHIR first published in 1176 CE, contains oral tradition which existed long before the time of Yahshua. On page 95 of the BAHIR we read that Elohim created man from a 'blueprint', as follows: "the form(image) of G-d in which He created man is actually G-d's blueprint form for man. This 'form' or 'blueprint' consisted of G-d's first thought in creation, and hence the highest level of creation. This is referred to as 'Adam Kadmon' (Primeval Man)." On page 91 of the BAHIR we read: 'The word Torah refers to the entire spiritual blueprint of creation.' On page 96 we read: 'In Proverbs 8, it is Wisdom who speaks... The Torah is Wisdom and is therefore the "head" of creation... The Torah was the blueprint of creation and therefore preceded it.' The BAHIR established that the 'image' of G-d is His attributes and blueprint for creation. It also states that Torah is the blueprint. Then it states that all was created through Wisdom and that Wisdom is Torah. Therefore, all these are Adam Kadmon – the image of G-d – and He and G-d are a perfect unity. Now we understand Yahshua's statement 'before Abraham was, I Am'. It was Adam Kadmon who came in the person of Yahshua, as salvation and the full embodiment of Torah.

Revelation 1: 17 ***"Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,"*** Who then are the First and the Last? How can both be the First and the Last? My fellow believer, who is lying here, is it YHVH or is it Yahshua? I say to you no! He is not lying because He is as Yahshua stated in John 10: 30 ***"I and the Father are one"***. After all in the first part of Numbers 23: 19 we read: ***"Elohim is not a man, that He should lie."*** In fact YHVH Himself talking about Yahshua in Isaiah from chapter 42 verse 1, says in Isaiah 43 verses 10 & 11: ***"You are My witnesses" declares YHVH, "And My servant whom I have chosen, In order that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no Elohim formed, And there will be none after Me. I, even I, am YHVH and there is no savior besides Me."***

Yahshua Himself said in the last part of John 10: 38 ***"understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father"***. He is the Messiah who died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to give assurance of both our forgiveness and everlasting life. To further elucidate the point Yahshua says in John 8: 24: ***"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am HE (or YHVH), you shall die in your sins"***. We also read In 1 Timothy 3: 16, ***"And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: Elohim was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"***.

Some may correctly ask the question: How then did Yahshua say that His Father is Greater than Him? The answer is as explained above: the One that walked the earth in 'human form' was finite, and as such, the Father being the infinite Elohim, was indeed greater than Him. The one spiritual essence of the Almighty is omnipresence. For since space is infinite, and an omnipotent Elohim must be able to act and be anywhere in space. He is always there. YHVH sees us wherever we go. If we go flying like a bird, or even, if we go underground, He sees us there, according to the Psalms. And again in Jeremiah 23: 23 & 24 He says: ***"Am I an Elohim who is near," declares YHVH, "And not an Elohim far off?" "Can a man hide himself in hiding places, so I do not see him?" declares YHVH. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth"?*** declares YHVH

So it is possible that He can be in more than one place at the same time, i.e. in heaven and on earth. That is why as a finite 'human being', even though of the same essence as YHVH, Yahshua could pray to His Father in Heaven. It sounds confusing, but do not let your confusion result in you trying to explain our Heavenly Father differently as He Himself does in Deuteronomy 4: 39, ***"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that YHVH, He is Elohim in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other."***

Some might ask how it is possible for YHVH our Elohim to sit at His own right hand. The answer lies in His omnipresence. YHVH can be everywhere, at all times, even at His own right hand. However, in Psalm 98: 1 we read: ***"O sing to YHVH a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and his holy arm have gained victory for Him."*** The right hand and holy arm of YHVH refers to Messiah (see Isaiah 53: 1). For thirty three and a half years whilst Yahshua was on earth He was the image or Elohim, manifested in the flesh or Immanuel meaning Elohim with us. He is even now the chief manifestation of the One True Elohim, at the right hand of YHVH, where He will remain until He returns to rule the nations from Jerusalem for a thousand years.

After the thousand years, the New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven, at which time YHVH will reign forever and ever, as the One True Elohim. We read about this in 1 Corinthians 15: 22 - 28: ***"For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruits, after that those who are Messiah's at His coming, then comes the end (ones), when He delivers up the kingdom to Elohim the Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, 'All things are put in subjection,' it is evident that He is expected who put all things in subjection to Him. And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that Elohim may be all in all."*** This is confirmed in Zechariah 14: 9 as

follows: ***"And YHVH shall be King over all the earth; In that day YHVH will be the only one, and His name the only one."***

The word Elohim might be an plural noun, but how do believers in the Angel concept explain the latter part of 2 Peter 1:1 ***"...by the righteousness of our Elohim and Savior, Yahshua Messiah."*** And how do believers who believe that YHVH is two separate beings explain the fact that in most translations of the Scriptures, the following sentence ends in the singular. Revelation 22: 3 & 4, ***"And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of Elohim and the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond servants shall serve Him: and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads."***

Our human potential:

Our belief in the Oneness of Elohim does not negate the assurance, that if we overcome, we shall rule as Kings and Priests under Yahshua for a thousand years (as explained in Revelation 5: 10 and 20: 4). Overcoming includes repentance, immersion and ongoing obedience to the Commandments of YHVH and the testimony of Yahshua. Some argue that, those of us who believe that YHVH and Yahshua are One are according to the second part of 1 John 2: 22, the 'anti-Messiah'. However, this is not true, because we do not deny Yahshua and as stated in the second part of 1 John 2: 23, ***"the one who confesses the Son has the Father also."*** These believers correctly declare that Yahshua became the first-born of many brethren, through His resurrection. As explained below, mankind also has the potential of becoming sons of Elohim, because Yahshua died for us and was the first being to be resurrected as a Spirit Being. He made it possible for us to go through the same process, to be born again. In Acts 20: 28 we read: ***"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Set-apart Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the ecclesia of Elohim which He purchased with His own blood."*** Elohim died as Yahshua and was resurrected, to give us a second chance. Almighty YHVH did all this by Himself - without any Elohim besides him.

In the beginning, after having created the Universe and making everything on the earth, in the waters of the earth and in the sky above the earth, after their own kind, Elohim created man in the image of Elohim, after the Elohim kind (See Genesis 1: 26 & 27). The word to create ('barah' in Hebrew) is something that only Elohim can do. It means to make something out of nothing that already exists. To make ('asah' in Hebrew) on the other hand is to use something physical and transforming it into something else. An example of this is; when a Carpenter takes a piece of wood and makes a table out of it. The process of putting the first man on earth, involved both creation of man in the image of Elohim and making/forming (See Genesis 2: 7) physical man out of the dust of the ground.

In creating man, Elohim used nothing physical. To start with, YHVH created the spirit in man from Himself - from the very essence/spirit of YHVH. Next He made man from the dust of the ground. A truism that we have all learnt, is that from whatever source something living is made, such a living thing needs to sustain it. Both cattle and plants are made from the dust of the ground. Plants need to be in the soil to grow - plants need soil to sustain them. Cattle need/eat plants (which is nothing but soil) to sustain them. The spirit in man needs contact with YHVH to sustain him/her spiritually and the physical man needs food - meat and vegetables (dust) to sustain him/her physically. The spirit in man yearns to be in touch with his/her maker. The fact that we are made from the very essence of Elohim means that man has the potential of becoming sons of Elohim. If we do not stay in touch with our Creator we shall die like mere animals, from dust to dust. However, as it states in Psalm 82: 6, ***'I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High."*** If we remain in touch with Elohim and feed from His word, we could have eternal life as sons of Elohim. However, because of the original sin (disobedience to YHVH) of our forebears, we were cut off from Eternal life (known as the tree of life).

Since our Father's original plan was to make for Himself sons and daughters, He also had a contingency plan in mind should the original plan fail. He made His contingency plan known to man, through the introduction of His Holy Days in Leviticus 23. That

however is another topic and is set out Chapter 3: YHVH our Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind. Because of this contingency plan, we are still able to become sons and daughters of Elohim. If we keep the Commandments of YHVH and have faith in Yahshua and we are baptized; we can become sons of Elohim. At immersion and the laying-on of hands, we are given a portion of the Set-apart Spirit. This is as stated in Acts 2:38 and in Acts 8: 12, 14 - 17

This is a Key to the Kingdom of YHVH. When the Set Apart Spirit combines with the spirit in man, we are begotten anew, giving us a fresh chance to, like Yahshua be resurrected to eternal life. No animal has that potential, as animals are not created from spirit. We are given a pledge of our inheritance when we are sealed by the Set-apart Spirit according to Ephesians 1: 13 & 14 ***"In Him you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of Elohim's own possession, to the praise of His glory."*** In addition we read the comforting words in Romans 8: 11, in this way: ***'But if the Spirit of Him who raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah Yahshua from the dead will also give life (eternal life) to your mortal bodies through His spirit who indwells you.'*** It is only mankind with the incredible potential to become the very sons and daughters of Elohim.

This has nothing to do with the oneness of YHVH and yet because our Elohim is boundless or infinite, it has everything to do with it - as there is nothing outside of Him. Bless the name of YHVH.

Chapter 2: The Sacred Names.

Is it important for us today, to use the correct name of the Elohim of Israel, the one we believe in? Is it not enough if we in prayer call the Almighty, "God", like almost everyone else on earth does? Most other Religions have names for their deities. The Moslems call their Almighty; Allah and Hindus call their Almighty, Hare Krishna. What is the name of our Elohim? This is exactly the question asked us in Proverbs 30: 4 ***"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"***

This should be an indication to us that both YHVH our Elohim and His Son have names. If they have names, is it not important for us to know and use those names? We complain bitterly when people pronounce or spell our personal names incorrectly, but 'think' YHVH knows our heart and that we may call Him by a false title – He simply does not mind. Or does He? Is it not in order if we call our Elohim, "Father", as did His son in the model prayer, known as the 'Master's Prayer'? Not according to Malachi 1: 6 ***'A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?'*** says YHVH ***of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say 'How have we despised Thy name?'*** We all use Hebrew words such as Satan, Hallelujah (meaning: Praise Yah) and Maranatha (meaning: let our Master come), but we refuse to use the name YHVH (YHVH meaning the Eternal) true Hebrew Name and Elohim (meaning the Almighty) – the title of our Father. The word Father is like Elohim, LORD or G-d, a title and not a proper name.

In order for the gentile nations not to blaspheme the name of the Elohim of Israel, the Priests of the Hebrew nation changed the vowel points of the name of the Almighty, so that it now is pronounced as 'Adonai'. The word Adonai was translated in the English Bible as Lord. This happened after the Babylonian captivity. Before the Babylonian captivity, the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father was used freely in worship, but the religious leaders in Judah have since

adopted the Babylonian tradition, where the names of their deity were said to be in-effable (un-pronounceable). For this reason the name of the Almighty could only be used during Atonement and only by the Priests. The rest of the believers in Israel did not have permission to use the name at all. This was essentially done, because the religious leaders misinterpreted the third commandment, as stated in Exodus 20: 7: ***"You shall not take the name of YHVH your Elohim in vain, for YHVH will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain."*** The Hebrew word for vain is 'shavah', meaning to use lightly, destroy or bring to naught the name of YHVH your Elohim, by hiding, refusing to use, and purposely misspelling His name. By using such names as Adonai and therefore misspelling Elohim's name, the Priests in Israel are doing exactly what they intending not to do – breaking the 3rd Commandment. There is a warning message for those prophets who cause fellow brethren to forget the name of YHVH in Jeremiah 23: 26 - 27 ***"How long? Is there anything in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even these prophets of the deception of their own heart, who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?"***

In the preface of a number of modern translations of the Bible, as is the case with the New American Standard Bible, the Editorial Board THE LOCKMAN FOUNDATION, openly tells the reader that the word G-d is translated from the Hebrew word Elohim and the word LORD is translated from the word YHVH. The word Lord (lower case letters) is translated from the word Adonai. Hindus also use the word Lord, when they call their Almighty, Hare Krishna - "my sweet Lord". If we claim to be the Almighty's people, do we know His name as stated in the first part of Isaiah 52: 6 ***"Therefore My people shall know My name."***

Despite the efforts of the religious leaders to disguise the name of the Almighty, it is possible for us to know His name from the Scriptures. The Almighty Himself told Moses what His Name is in Exodus 3: 13 - 15 ***'Then Moses said to Elohim, "Behold I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you.'*** Now they may say to me,

'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?' And Elohim said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM" (**the footnote against 'I Am' in The New American Standard BIBLE states: Related to the name of Elohim, YHVH, rendered LORD, which is derived from the verb HAYAH, to be); and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" And Elohim, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'YHVH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.'

From these scriptures we can at least deduce that the Almighty's name is YHVH. However do we know how to pronounce the name? In Psalm 68: 4 in The King James Version, we learn that the first part of the name of YHVH is pronounced as Yah: ***"Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him"***. The Encyclopedia Judaica vol.7, pp.679 states; "The true pronunciation of The Name YHVH was never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that The Name was pronounced 'YAHWEH'.

One of Yahshua's main ministries according to His prayer in John 17 was to declare the Father's Name. We read in John 17: 26 ***"and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."*** According to Yahshua, His Father is seeing to it, that His own personal Name is being revealed, and declared to His remnant disciples (people who like us are studying the Word of Elohim) in every generation that has, and will yet come to believe in His Son. We read this in John 17: 20 and 25 ***"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word." "O Righteous Father although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me."***

A minister of the group with which my wife and I were previously associated (a group that are keeping the Sabbath, the Set-apart

Days and the kosher laws expounded in Leviticus 11), absolutely refuses to use the Set-apart Names of YHVH and His Son Yahshua. He uses Exodus 6: 3 as the main reason for not using the Names. Exodus 6: 3 states: ***“and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as G-d Almighty, but by My name, LORD*, I did not make Myself known to them.”*** (*The footnote against ‘LORD’ in The New American Standard BIBLE reads: Heb., YHVH, usually rendered LORD). However, in the last part of Genesis 4: 26 we read: ***“Then men began to call upon the name of YHVH.”*** We also read in Genesis 12: 8 and Genesis 13: 4 that Abram called on the name of YHVH, even before he entered into the covenant with YHVH where his personal name was changed to Abraham. In addition we already read in the last part of Exodus 3: 16 that YHVH told Moses His name, saying that ***“This is My name forever, and this is My memorial – name to all generations.”*** The question is then, is the translation of the version of The Scriptures that the minister is using correct? It cannot be, as we see there are a number of verses before Exodus 6: 3, which seem to contradict it.

The reason for these seemingly contradictory scriptures is that Paleo (or ancient) Hebrew did not use any punctuation marks such as commas, full stops, question marks, etc. The only way, therefore to understand ancient texts (written in Paleo Hebrew), is to take into account the context of the events being discussed. Considering the scriptures quoted in this regard, above, Exodus 6:3 is actually a rhetorical question? We read this in “The Scriptures” published by ‘INSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE RESEARCH (PTY) LTD’ of South Africa, as follows: ***“And I appeared to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob, as El Shaddai. And by My Name YHVH, was I not known to them?”*** This translation uses the Hebrew translation of the ‘Tetragrammaton’ YHVH (יהוה). With this correct understanding of Exodus 6: 3 we see that there is no contradiction in the scriptures mentioned. In fact it actually serves to affirm the other texts in Genesis showing that all Yahweh’s children before Moses knew, used, and called upon His name.

In Psalm 72: 17-19 we see that the name of YHVH is eternal: ***“May his name endure forever: May his name increase as long as the sun shines; And let men bless themselves by him: Let all***

nations call him blessed. Blessed be YHVH Elohim, the Elohim of Israel, who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever: And may the whole earth be filled with His glory; Amein, and Amein." Knowing the correct name of the Almighty gives us every reason to start using it. In fact it will be our only way of survival during the forthcoming time of tribulation, prophesied in many scriptures in the Bible. This we read in Joel 2: 31 & 32 **"The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of YHVH comes. And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of YHVH Will be delivered: For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As YHVH has said, Even among the survivors whom YHVH calls"**. However, we must still be careful not to use the name of YHVH in everyday language like some people in TV programs do. Perhaps it is a good thing that most do not know the true name of YHVH, as the generic name G-d, as used by people in TV programs is not the true name. The name of YHVH should only be used in prayer, blessings and teachings.

What about the name of the Messiah, the son of YHVH? The Messiah was a born Jew with a Jewish mother, who gave her son a Jewish name. He was never known as Jesus Christ, during His lifetime on earth. His Jewish family, His disciples, fellow Israeli citizens and even His enemies knew him as Yahshua. In Matthew 1: 21 we read about his birth, as follows: **"And behold she will bear a son, and will call his name Yahshua; for he will save his people from their sins."** Yahshua means YHVH is Salvation. The name Jesus does not have the same meaning. Does it matter whether we use the name Jesus or Yahshua? Yes, in fact it is vital to our salvation to make sure that we know and use the correct name for the Messiah. In Acts 4: 12: we read: **"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved."** In John 10: 9 Yahshua said: **"I am the Door; if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved"**. The disciple Peter knew what the Key was, as Yahshua said to him in Matt 16:19 **"I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"**. When asked by those to whom he preached, what they should do, Peter said unto them in Acts 2: 38: **"Repent, and be baptized every**

one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Set Apart Spirit."

In the first part of John 5: 43 the Messiah said that He came in His Father's Name ***"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive"***. His Father's Name as we know is Yahweh or Yah in its short form. When the Messiah was named Yahshua in Matt. 1: 21, He was given His Father's name, like most of us, after birth are given our earthly father's Surname. If we overcome, we may also be given the Elohim Family name. In Rev. 3: 12 we read: ***"He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My Elohim, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My Elohim."*** If we are truly Yahweh's people, it is very important that we know, and use, the correct names for both our Heavenly Father and that of His Son. By so doing, we can be sure that we obey the third Commandment. If however, you as a group leader choose not to use the correct names of the Almighty and His Son, because it could lose your group a number of brethren, then consider the warning against this in Malachi 2: 1 ***"And now, this commandment is for you, O Priests."*** And verse 2 ***"If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to MY name," says YHVH of hosts. "then I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart."***

People who do not understand the significance of names tell us that it does not matter what you call the Heavenly Father. They maintain that: 'He knows what you mean'. They are the people who exclusively use the titles 'L-RD' and 'G-d' as well as the false name Jesus. These people have never considered the meaning of Isaiah 65: 11, wherein the Almighty is warning of the falling away of His people at the end-time, as follows: ***"But you who forsake YHVH, Who forget My Set-apart mountain, Who set the table for Fortune⁷, And who fill cups with mixed wine for Destiny⁸."*** This verse tells us that the people of YHVH have forsaken Him and are

⁷ Fortune is the Canaanite deity of 'Good Luck' known as Gad or Gawd. In Joshua 11: 17 'Baal -gad', Baal-gad was considered the Sun-god.

⁸ Destiny is the Canaanite deity of 'Fate' known as Meni. Meni was considered the Moon-god.

today worshipping Fortune, the Sun-god, as the god of 'Good Luck', and Destiny, the Moon-god as the goddess of 'Fate'. Is this the reason why Sunday worship is more popular than the worship of YHVH on the Sabbath; why many people are regularly wishing others 'Good Luck'; and why they rely on 'Fate' instead of on YHVH our Elohim for guidance in their lives?

The worship of false deities commences with disobeying the warning in Exodus 23: 13 ***"Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard from your mouth."*** Finally I am certain that we all believe that we/our group, will become part of the 144,000 faithful with the correct names on our foreheads as per Revelation 14: 1 ***"And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion and with Him one hundred forty-four thousand, having His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads."*** Let us therefore heed this warning and start using the correct names of YHVH and His Son Yahshua, thereby positively answering the question asked at the end of the 1st paragraph from Proverbs 30: 4.

Chapter 3: YHVH our Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind.

From the very beginning our Father YHVH planned to bring forth beings that could become his helpers. These helpers or 'children' would be like Him in every respect. They would have His character reproduced in them by His Set-apart Spirit. The character of YHVH is love and righteousness. Each one of these created beings would have freedom to choose what is right. YHVH commenced His plan to reproduce Himself by creating powerful spiritual beings called angels. These angels were free moral agents, with the ability to choose to go the way of YHVH – the way of giving and sharing, or the wrong way - which is in essence a way of get. For many years these angels followed the correct way, until one day, a third of the angels followed the archangel Lucifer in rebellion against YHVH to take over the throne of YHVH in the third heaven. They fought against the other two thirds of the created angels, still loyal to the Eternal. However, they were overcome and thrown down to earth, where they are now living as fallen angels or demons. These angels, who are spirit beings, could not change once they had decided to follow a life of wrongdoing (Isaiah 14).

The result of war between the angels and demons left the world formless and void ('Tohu' and 'bohu' in Hebrew). This is the condition we see the earth in when we open our Scriptures at Genesis 1: 2. At that point in time YHVH decides to recreate the heavens and the earth. YHVH also at this point chose not to create his future children as spirit beings. He decided to initially create human kind from physical matter, in His image with the mind power to think and plan and create. They too would have free moral agency to decide between good and evil. They had to prove through their lives that they would develop the perfect character of YHVH and follow His way of life. However, we know that Adam and Eve did sin – induced by the lies and temptation of Satan. Since then all humankind have sinned and fall short of the esteem of YHVH. Death spread to all humankind through the sins of our forefathers. YHVH has allowed all of mankind to be led into sin by Satan, thus allowing us to see for ourselves where sin leads us. We see that the wages of sin is death according to the first part of Romans 6: 23. So as opposed to Satan's lie, that after disobeying YHVH our

forefathers would not die, death was introduced. This was indeed a bleak picture, which left humankind in a miserable condition.

YHVH is dealing with humanity over a 7000-year period. During the first 6000 years, YHVH is allowing humanity to experiment with different forms of government, culture, education and religion. YHVH is allowing us to learn that by living life free of His leadership only leads to failure. This sounds unfair, but the good news is that YHVH wants everyone that He has ever created to be in His family one day. As seen in 1Timothy 2: 4, He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. YHVH does not want to force us to be saved. He gave us free moral agency allowing us, once called, to come to HIM out of our own free will (see John 6: 44). However, to become sons of YHVH takes more than just joining the local church on the corner. It also takes more than just "*accepting Jesus*" in some evangelical revival meeting filled with emotion. We need to fully surrender our lives to our heavenly Father by means of a personal relationship with Yahshua the Messiah. We need to follow in the footsteps of Yahshua and learn to keep the Torah Commandments to the best of our ability, with the help of the Set-apart Spirit. It must also be understood that no one can come to Yahshua unless the Father who sent Him draws him - See John 6: 44 & 65. Yahshua Himself said in John 10: 1 - 2: ***"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep."***

How then would YHVH succeed to make for Himself a family of sons and daughters, with perfect character like His own? The redeeming plan of YHVH gives us the answer. Sinners, meaning all of mankind would be redeemed at a price, of greater value than the value of the lives of all humankind put together. The price was as high as the life of our Creator himself. For this reason we read of Zechariah's prophecy in Luke 1: 68 ***"Blessed be YHVH the Elohim of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people."*** As explained in the plan of YHVH below, mankind still has the potential of becoming sons of Elohim, as Yahshua the visible image of the invisible Elohim, died for us and was the first 'human' to be resurrected as a Spirit Being. He made it possible for

us to go through the same process to be born again. YHVH Elohim died as the man Yahshua, and was resurrected, to give us a second chance. Almighty YHVH did all this by Himself - without any elohim besides him. This is in line with what we read in Psalm 49: 7 **"No man can by any means redeem his brother, Or give to YHVH a ransom for him"**, and in Psalm 49: 15 **"But YHVH will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; For He will receive me."**

The feast days that we as Nazarene Israelites are commanded to keep, picture the plan of salvation of YHVH for all mankind. In Leviticus 23 we read: **YHVH spoke again to Moses saying: "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, Elohim's appointed times which you should proclaim as Set-apart convocations - My appointed times are these."** These days were given to Israel, even though most other religions think that these are the feast days of the Jews only, YHVH says in Leviticus 23: 4 that **"These are His appointed times, Set-apart convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them."**

Passover/Pesach:

In verse 5 of Leviticus 23, YHVH says: **"In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is Elohim's Passover."** YHVH displayed His power to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt through a series of plagues. After nine plagues YHVH gave Israel special instructions through Moses about the final plague. The children of Israel had to follow a series of steps to the letter to escape this final plague (Exodus 12). On the 10th day of the first month, each head of family had to select a lamb or goat large enough to feed his family. The lamb was to be a male lamb a year old, without any blemish or defect. This lamb had to be kept until the fourteenth day of the same month at which time it was to be killed at twilight. The blood of this lamb was to be taken and put on the two doorposts and lintel of the house in which they eat it. The Israelites had to eat the lamb the same night, roasted with fire, and they had to eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The lamb had to be eaten in haste, whilst the partakers had their loins girded, with sandals on their feet and with staff in hand. YHVH told the Israelites

that this night He would kill all the firstborn of Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go from slavery. The firstborn of Israel would be protected if the sign of the blood was seen on their houses. YHVH said that the Passover should be a memorial, which they shall keep as a feast to HIM throughout their generations.

We know from Scriptures that the slaying of the Passover Lamb pictures the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah. In John 1: 29 John the Immerser saw Yahshua coming to him and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!**" In 1 Corinthians 5: 7 Paul (Shaul) wrote that "**Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us.**" Yahshua's death atoned for our sin. Whoever accepts that Yahshua died for their sins can be redeemed. This pictures that we are justified freely by the redemption that is in Messiah Yahshua. Yahshua was put to death on the very day of the Passover. By humbly partaking of the Passover, we show that we accept the shed blood of our Saviour for our sins. We use the symbols instituted by Yahshua: eating unleavened bread representing His broken body and drinking the fruit of the vine, as the symbol of His shed blood.

We act out our love for Yahshua and humility among our brethren, by a foot washing ceremony as instructed by our redeemer and Saviour. By His shed blood Yahshua reconciled us to the Father, making it possible for us to have direct access to the very throne of YHVH. We believe that repentance, immersion in the Name of Yahshua and accepting the sacrifice of YHVH as Yahshua the Messiah, constitutes a covenant with YHVH. The terms of this covenant is sealed with the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah (Hebrews 9: 11 - 12 & 15). The covenant is renewed every year when we partake of the Passover. In John 6: 48 – 51 Yahshua said: "**Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread, which comes down from heaven that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread, which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**" By partaking of the Passover annually we are reminded of this covenant and rededicate our lives

to Yahshua the Messiah and His Father. For the timing of the Passover, see chapter 11: When do we keep the Passover?

Feast of Unleavened Bread:

Immediately after the Passover comes the next festival, depicting the next step in the plan of salvation of YHVH for all humankind. As the leavening process which makes bread rise, takes time, YHVH told His people that: ***"for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread."*** They took unleavened flat bread with them and ate of it for the next seven days. What started out of necessity became a lasting ordinance. YHVH instructed the Israelites concerning this festival as they prepared to leave Egypt. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread made without yeast. Remove all the leavening agents from your house from the first day and eat no leavened products during the next seven days. On the first day you shall hold a Set-apart convocation and also on the seventh day. Do not work on these two Set-apart days, except to prepare food to eat (Exodus 12: 14 - 16).

Every year that the Israelites kept the days of unleavened bread they were and are still reminded that YHVH delivered them from Egypt. The Israelites coming out of Egypt foreshadows us coming out of a life of habitual willful sin. Partaking of unleavened bread for seven days in our case means coming out of sin completely – seven meaning complete. We gladly get rid of the leaven in our houses for seven days to remind us of cleansing ourselves of false doctrine, which leads to sin.

By performing the physical, we learn a spiritual lesson. Unleavened bread is eaten for seven days, allowing us to partake symbolically of the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Observing the days of unleavened bread helps us realize our need for Yahshua in overcoming our sins. Yahshua the lamb of Elohim was sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins, thus de-leavening, or cleaning our lives. Yahshua continues to help us live Torah obedient lives, through the Set-apart Spirit dwelling in us after our repentance and immersion

into His saving name. This brings us to the next feast in the plan of salvation of YHVH our Elohim.

The Feast of First Fruits/ Pentecost/Shavuot:

Pentecost or the feast of weeks is the third annual Sabbath, a holy convocation, counted from the morrow after the day of rest, from the day you brought the sheaf of the waving; the day after the First Day of Unleavened Bread. Seven complete weeks are counted; even unto the morrow after the seventh week shall you number fifty days. Passover is kept in the evening of the 14th of Aviv at dusk (after sunset on the 13th). The first day of Unleavened Bread starts in the evening as the 15th of Aviv commences. We therefore start counting for Pentecost, from the day after the First Day of Unleavened Bread on the 16th of Aviv (Information obtained from the Jewish Bible JPS 1917 - Leviticus 23: 5, 15 & 16). Also compare Deuteronomy 16: 9 & 10 with Joshua 5: 11. When celebrating Pentecost the Israelites recall one of the greatest events in history, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai by YHVH. However, Pentecost doesn't only picture the giving of the Law; it also shows - through a miracle of the giving of the Set-apart Spirit which occurred on the first Pentecost after Yahshua's death - how to keep the spiritual intend of the laws of YHVH.

YHVH chose to pour out His Set-apart Spirit on 120 believers as given in Acts 1: 15. We read in Acts 2: 1 - 4: ***"Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all in one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Set-apart Spirit and began to speak with tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"***

The miracle was not in the speaking of the various languages, but with each visitor hearing the speech of the disciples in his own native language. The people of Jerusalem, who witnessed this miracle, were astonished and some attributed it to drunkenness.

Peter soon told the onlookers that the miracle was not as a result of drunkenness, but as a result of the pouring out of the Set-apart Spirit on Messianic believers. Peter filled with the Set-apart Spirit, explained the event to the crowd as a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2: 28: ***"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says Elohim that I will pour out MY Spirit on all flesh."*** When the listeners asked Peter what they should do to receive the Set-apart Spirit, Peter said unto them: ***"Repent and let each of you be immersed in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart-Spirit."***

Pentecost or Shavuot points to the initial harvest of souls, a kind of first fruits unto YHVH. Romans 8: 29 speaks of Yahshua Messiah as the ***"firstborn of many brethren"***. We who are called now are also considered to be a type of first fruits. In James 1: 18 we read: ***"Having purposed it, He brought us forth by the Word of truth, for us to be a kind of first fruits of His creatures."*** The significance of the scriptures calling these people first fruits becomes evident when we consider John 14: 6, where Yahshua said: ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."***

As we've seen in 1 Timothy 2: 3 & 4 YHVH wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. However, he does not want all to be saved now as recorded in Mark 4: 11 & 12 as follows: ***"And He said to them (His disciples) 'To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of Elohim; but those who are outside get everything in parables, in order that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND LEST THEY RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN.'"*** A second and third witness to this is found in Matthew 13: 11 & 12 and John 12: 40. Also see Romans 11: 32 quoted later.

Those of us familiar with the land of Israel know that there are two harvest periods. The early harvest is a relatively small harvest known as the first fruits. The first harvest of mainly barley occurs

around the beginning of June (at the time of Shavuot). The second harvest occurs after the Feast of Sukkoth at the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. The second harvest is much bigger and consists amongst others of wheat, olives, and grapes. The two harvest periods are likened unto the two resurrections or put differently the early and the late rains as per James 5: 7 as follows: ***Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of YHVH. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.***

Rav Shaul, talking about the two harvest periods or order of the resurrection of human beings, in 1 Corinthians 15: 22 - 24 says: ***“For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruit(s), after that those who are Messiah’s at His coming, then comes the end (ones), when He delivers up the kingdom to the Elohim and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.”***

YHVH is calling first fruits at this time through his word of truth (James 1: 18) and if they overcome and are part of the first resurrection, they will rule as kings and priests, on the earth, under Messiah, for a thousand years (Revelation 5: 10). They (the first fruits/first born) will, with experience, teach the Torah way of life. The concept of first fruits implies that there must also be second fruits. Those who will be resurrected after the millennium, who never knew YHVH during their lifetime, will get their first opportunity to get to know Him at that time. They will be given a chance to make an informed decision as to whether they want to follow the way of YHVH or not. Those who rebel against His way of life, as well as the wicked that knew YHVH during this age and rebelled against His Torah lifestyle, like Satan did, will become ashes under the feet of the righteous (Malachi 4: 3).

Nevertheless, YHVH does not want the ones who are called now to think that they are better than their brothers and sisters who will be given an opportunity during the second resurrection. We read about this in 1 Corinthians 1: 26 as follows: ***“For consider your calling,***

brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but Elohim has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, Elohim has chosen, the things that are not; that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before Elohim”.

An analogy of us being first fruits can be found in every family of humankind on the earth. If you are the firstborn son or daughter in your family and are part of a family comprising a number of children, then you will recall that your parents were much stricter; in the way they reared you. You were corrected more often. Once your brothers and or sisters arrived on the scene, you felt that your siblings were spoilt. However, you as the firstborn became responsible for the well being of your siblings, when your parents were away for some reason. You had to take care of them when your parents went shopping, etc. You taught them their first word and showed them the ropes in life in general. As the first fruits of YHVH we will have a similar role to play, with our brethren who live during the Millennium and thereafter. We will be kings and priests during the Millennium and beyond, teaching our younger siblings – those who live during the Millennium and beyond – about the teachings of YHVH and the way of give.

How many people throughout the ages, have really accepted and practiced the way Yahshua taught? Few people today know and understand that YHVH follows a plan depicted by his Set-apart Days, to save all humanity by offering them eternal life in His Kingdom. We are at this juncture only the beginning or foundation of the harvest for the kingdom of Elohim to come. The Set-apart Spirit is the divine nature of YHVH working in our lives, allowing us to be led by YHVH. The same divine power that transformed early believers is also working in messianic believers today. Pentecost is a yearly reminder that YHVH still works miracles in our lives, granting His Set-apart Spirit to the first fruits of His spiritual harvest, giving us a portion of His power to carry out His work in this world. However, we have to follow the precise steps given to the apostles before we can receive the Set-apart Spirit of YHVH. The people who are called during this dispensation, who overcome Satan, the

world and self, will be given power to rule over nations. (Revelation 2: 26)

We as human beings are made up of body, soul and spirit, According to 1 Thessalonians 5: 23. When we repent and are immersed into the saving name of Yahshua, essentially accepting that His death removed the record of our transgressions, YHVH gives us a portion of His Set-apart Spirit. The Set-apart Spirit combines with the spirit in humanity and we are begotten anew. This gives us the opportunity like YAHSHUA to be resurrected at His return. When we die our spirits go back to the Father who gave it, during which time our Father perfects it in Heaven (Hebrews 12: 23). When Yahshua returns He will bring back our perfected spirits and will resurrect our bodies. Our perfected bodies will merge with our perfected spirits from heaven, and we will become kings and priests under Yahshua's rulership during His Millennial rule.

Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah:

The Feast of Trumpets begins at the new moon on the seventh month and is a Set-apart convocation. We look forward with eager anticipation to the return of Yahshua the Messiah, for he will return at the sound of the last trumpet and the shout of the archangel. The blowing of trumpets was also used to call Israel to assemble together to prepare for a journey or for war. When Yahshua our Messiah returns to the Mount of Olives, the nations of the earth will gather together to fight against Him. Satan has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12: 9) and they will try to destroy the Messiah at His return. Satan will influence the nations to fight against Yahshua Messiah at His return.

The feast of Trumpets also signals the resurrection of the dead in Messiah. Paul wrote about this in 1 Corinthians 15: 21-23: ***"For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Messiah the first fruits, afterward those who are Messiah's at His coming."*** In 1 Thessalonians 4: 16 & 17 Paul explained that Yahshua Himself will

descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim; and the dead in Messiah will rise first, followed by the people of Elohim who are alive at the time. Yahshua will resurrect the first fruits, those who are called now, to reign with Him for a thousand years. We need to pray that Yahshua will soon return, to this fast deteriorating world, ushering in the Kingdom of YHVH and bringing His perfect government on earth as it is now in heaven. This is what the feast of Trumpets depicts and this is what Yahshua taught us to pray for in Matthew 6: 10. What must be understood is that when Yahshua returns, at the feast of Trumpets, He is not coming back as a baby in a manger, but to put down a rebellious world and to usher in the Kingdom of Elohim.

Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur:

Atonement is the fifth annual feast day and is considered the most Set-apart day of all the feast days of YHVH. Atonement points to Yahshua who has made atonement for us. Through Yahshua's death on the tree, we can be reconciled back to our Father YHVH Elohim. With gladness we tell fellow believers and others about Yahshua's marvelous saving work and how, at His return He will rule the world for a thousand years. We are reminded of our carnality and how we need the atoning sacrifice of Yahshua, when we partake of a fast that commences on the ninth day of the seventh month at sun set and ends the next day at sun set. We do not eat or drink anything during this period of 24 hours. We learn to rely on YHVH with fear and trembling when we keep this 24 hour fast. Atonement also looks forward to the day when Satan will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit for the duration of a thousand years. It pictures the marriage of the Lamb to His Bride, chosen by His Father, at which time we will become at one (at-one-ment) with Elohim.

The Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkoth:

Once Satan has been bound hand and foot and thrown into the bottomless pit, the thousand-year reign of Yahshua will commence from Jerusalem. During Yahshua's thousand-year rule from

Jerusalem, He will restore all things to their former glory. Those of us, who are first fruits and will be part of the first resurrection, will serve under Yahshua as kings and priests, assisting Him in the restoration of all things. With Satan out of the way things will go much better. Satan will not be able to influence the minds of men to rebel against the laws that will be in force during Yahshua's rule. These laws will be none other than the Torah commands that we are familiar with today. That is why we need to keep the Torah Commands fully in this age, so that we will be able to teach those people living during the millennial rule of Yahshua, to do the right thing.

People will still be able to sin during this time, despite the absence of Satan, as they will still have free moral agency to choose what they want to do. The reason for us having free moral agency now and in the world tomorrow is that YHVH does not want robots in His Kingdom. He wants us to follow him of our own free will. However, we, His first fruits, will be around with the ability to appear behind people planning to go off the rails, guiding and instructing them to correct their steps (see Isaiah 30: 20 - 21). During the thousand years things will improve from the mess that it will be left in prior to the Messiah's return, to perfection. Whereas, the world will be on the brink of total disaster, just prior to Yahshua's return, He will restore all things during His Millennial rule to what it was like in the Garden of Eden, before the fall of man.

In Isaiah 11, we get a foretaste of this period. In verses 6 - 9 we read: ***"And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And the little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of YHVH As the waters cover the sea."***

During this reign of Yahshua it will be a time of peace and prosperity, as He will put the Laws of His Father into effect. We read in Isaiah 2: 2 & 3 "**Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of YHVH Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, 'Come let us go up to the mountain of YHVH, To the house of the Elohim of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways. And that we may walk in His paths.'** For the Law will go forth from Zion, And the word of YHVH from Jerusalem." We cannot imagine what the world will be like when everybody knows and lives by the law of YHVH. We see in Isaiah 35: 5 - 6 that YHVH will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. The lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb will sing.

The Last Great Day:

After the Millennium is over, YHVH will again allow Satan to test the inhabitants of the earth. Satan will be loosed from his place of restraint to test and deceive those who are not in perfect agreement with the way of life of YHVH. We read about this in Revelation 20: 7 - 10: "**And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also: and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**"

If YHVH is omnipotent, why have so few people who ever lived heard the good news of salvation? Despite all the work that the Christian missionary workers have done over many years, we must concede that there are far more human beings 'lost' than what there

are 'saved'. If we look at the alleged contest between YHVH and Satan for human 'souls', then we must acknowledge that YHVH seems to be on the 'losing' side. What will happen to the millions of people who never even heard the name of Yahshua, let alone all the ones who never heard or understood the truth of our Father?

Looking at history, do we doubt the saving power of YHVH? We have seen previously in 1 Timothy 2: 4, that YHVH desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. So what will happen to the millions who have never known the plan of salvation of YHVH for mankind? We can read what happens to these people in Revelation 20 verse 5 ***"and the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended – this is the first resurrection."*** In verse 11 to 12 we read: ***"And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works."*** This describes a time in history during which all people who ever lived will come to realize the reason for being born. The Scriptures will be opened to their understanding at this time. This will be similar to when Yahshua in Luke 24: 45 opened His Disciples minds to understanding the Scriptures. These people will then have their first opportunity to understand and know the way of life of YHVH. They will be given a chance to make an informed decision as to whether they want to repent of their past sins. Their 'day of salvation', their period of judgment will begin at that time. In Isaiah 65:20 we see that this period will last for one hundred years: ***"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed."***

There will be no premature deaths during this period, and those who repent and overcome during this period of time, the 100 years, will be blessed with eternal life. They will also be given the opportunity to accept Yahshua as their Master and Savior, or reject His way of life. Eternal life will be offered to the entire multitude who ever lived.

Those who accept Yahshua as their Savior will be immersed into His saving name. However, there might be some that will never accept the way of life of YHVH. Their fate is to be burned up once and for all. They will not be tormented forever. Only spiritual beings such as Satan and his demons have that fate facing them. Human beings who are made from flesh and blood will burn until they are turned to ashes. The Last Great Day pictures the fact that our Father YHVH will give all these millions of people a chance to be judged, only after they have learnt the truth about HIM.

This concept is further explained in Ezekiel 37. This passage essentially speaks about the members of the lost ten tribes of Israel being raised and united with Judah. Most of the Israelites were deceived through the past centuries. They died believing in a false messiah and a three-headed Almighty called God. However, YHVH reveals in Ezekiel 37 that He will resurrect these Israelites and give them His truth, so that they will receive His Set-apart Spirit to lead them to salvation. YHVH first deals with His chosen people Israel, and then He will deal with all other peoples.

YHVH is a merciful Elohim and He will give all human beings a chance to come to repentance. YHVH will bring the vast majority of mankind back to life and will fill those who willingly follow Him, with his Set-apart Spirit. We read in Romans 11 verse 32 - 36: ***"For YHVH has shut them all up to disobedience, in order to have compassion on all. Oh, the depth of riches, and wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! How unsearchable His judgments and untraceable His ways! For who has known the mind of YHVH? "Or who first gave to Him, and it shall be given back to him?" Because of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all, to whom be esteem forever. Amein."***

Judgment is now (during this age) upon the household of YHVH (1 Peter 4: 17). The great multitude not called at this time will be resurrected at the end of the Millennium, during which time they will be given a change to repent and accept Yahshua as their Savior. What fantastic news this is. Yes, those members of our families who died after living their lives their own way - like the late Frank Sinatra

used to sing: "I did it my way!" They too will get a chance to repent. Baruch Hashem YHVH who has revealed to us his plan of salvation for all mankind, through His Set-apart Days - HalleluYah!

Chapter 4: Why are we here?

Have you ever asked yourself; why am I here? Almost all people at some time in their lives wonder about these age old questions:

1. Where did I come from?
2. What happens when I die?
3. What is the meaning of life?

About 3000 years ago, king David asked these same questions in Psalm 8: 3 & 4 ” ***When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You ordained; What is man, that You are mindful of him?***” Other men like Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, the first visitors to the moon in the late 1960’s were similarly impressed, when they had time to ponder the moon and our planet earth, Buzz asked the same question.

In the book of Daniel, YHVH through the prophet gives us a clue to our destiny, which was overlooked for thousands of years. Here too it ties our awesome potential to the night sky, talking about the resurrection of the dead in Daniel 12: 2 & 3 as follows: ***“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”*** How fantastic the eternal future will be if we are able to lead many to righteousness. This is why it is so important for us to share information like this with our loved ones. We must start telling people about the coming Kingdom of Elohim, but we must also tell them about the benefits of serving Him at this time.

To understand our destiny we need to know how human life started on the earth. In Genesis 1 we read how YHVH created the heavens and the earth and populated it with living creatures. But we see that human kind was different from the rest of the life forms that He created. In verse 27 of Genesis 1, we read as follows: ***“And Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim He created him, male and female He created them.”*** The account of

the creation of the first man and woman, in the image of Elohim, hints at our destiny.

According to the apostle Paul YHVH planned our incredible human potential long before our original parents Adam and Eve, were created. The plan involved our Salvation or Savior Yahshua Messiah, as per 2 Timothy 1: 9 ***“ who has saved us, and called us with a Set-apart calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Messiah Yahshua from all eternity.”***

Our forebears, Adam and Eve were given the choice whether to follow YHVH and have a relationship with Him that could lead to eternal life, symbolized by the tree of life, or whether to decide for themselves what is right and wrong, symbolized by the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We know that they, deceived by Satan, chose to turn from Elohim and earned the death penalty by their action. However, knowing that mankind would fail Him, YHVH planned to become our Savior (as it says in the last line of Isaiah 63:8 ***“So He became their Savior”) or “the lamb slain from the foundation of the world”*** as per Revelation 13: 8.

This is confirmed for us in Colossians 1: 19 & 22 as follows: ***“For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness (of Elohim) to dwell in Him (Yahshua), and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His stake; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him Set-apart and blameless and beyond reproach.”*** Wow, we are able to receive, what our original parents had before they sinned! See Romans 6: 23 ***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of Elohim is eternal life in Messiah Yahshua our Master.”***

In Proverbs 15: 33 we read: ***“The fear of YHVH is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor come humility.”*** YHVH requires us to learn humility through this physical existence, before He will

honor us with eternal life. In Philippians 2: 6 - 9, Paul explains how Yahshua also went through this important experience, as follows: ***“who, although He existed in the form of Elohim, did not regard equality with Elohim a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond servant, and being made in the likeness of them (mankind). And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on a tree. Therefore also Elohim highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.”*** We know that that name is YHVH saves or Yahshua.

When we are humble, we become teachable and it is only when we become teachable, that YHVH reveals His ways and purpose to us. His purpose is to bring many sons to glory, so that Elohim and all Humanity will be of the same family – see Hebrews 2: 10 & 11 as follows: ***“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through suffering. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”***

Even if this sounds unbelievable, you and I were created to be changed into spirit beings as the immortal children of YHVH our Elohim. We read this, one of the most inspiring passages that Paul wrote, in Romans 8: 16 and 17 ***“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of Elohim, and if children, heirs also, heirs of Elohim and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified (exalted) with Him.”***

According to verses 19 to 21 ***“For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of Elohim. For the creation was subject to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory (esteem) of the children of Elohim.”***

YHVH will ultimately change our bodies from flesh to spirit according to 1 Corinthians 15: 42 - 44. In verses 50 to 53, we see that to achieve our potential, we must be changed through a resurrection from physical bodies, to immortal children of Elohim. At the end of verse 54 we see ***“Death is swallowed up in victory.”***

These scriptures show plainly why we are here on earth. This is in fact the answer to the question many including Buzz Aldrin and David asked in Psalm 8:4: ***“what is man that thou art mindful of him?”*** The answer was in the word of YHVH all the time. However, knowing the answer, poses another question. The question is: What does YHVH expect of us?

As students of Yahshua, we are expected to learn, live and teach the way of life of YHVH – the way of give and love through obedience to His teachings. His teachings or His Torah teaches us that it is through obedience to Him that we show our love to Him. This is spelt out in 1 John 5:3 as follows: ***“For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”***

Before YHVH gives us the blessing of eternal life – our destiny as His children, He requests that each of us on an individual basis accepts His commandments, so that we may live in peace with our brethren and others. To fully realize our human potential, we need to recognize and fight Satan’s influence in our lives. Satan is the fallen angel who has brought chaos and confusion to the earth and its inhabitants (see Isaiah 14: 12 – 14 and Ezekiel 28: 13 -16). He is responsible for deceiving the whole world (see Revelation 12: 9). According to 2 Corinthians 4: 4 his function is to blind the minds of unbelievers so that they do not see the light of the gospel of the image of Elohim, namely Yahshua our Messiah.

The good news is that it is not the intention of YHVH to allow Satan to exercise his corruptive influence over humans forever. When Messiah returns to rule, Satan will be imprisoned for a thousand years. Those who die in faithful obedience, believing that Yahshua is the Messiah, will be resurrected at His return (1 Thessalonians 4: 13, 16). The ones alive believing in Yahshua and keeping the

commandments of Elohim will be caught up together with the resurrected saints, to meet Yahshua in the clouds (verse 17). During the 1000 years Yahshua will rule the world from Jerusalem with His saints (see the last part of Revelation 20 verse 4). In Revelation 20: 7 we see that at the end of the 1000 years Satan will be loosed again. He will deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth (again). These people will surround the camp of the saints in Jerusalem, but fire will come down from heaven to devour them (verse 8) and then Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone and be tormented for ever and ever (verse 9). After this comes the second resurrection and the great white throne judgment. All the people who have not known YHVH our Elohim will be resurrected at this time. They will be given an opportunity to repent and be reconciled to YHVH at this time (for more information please read Matthew 11: 20 – 24 and Revelation 20: 11 - 13). Yes there will be those who reject the way of life of YHVH; they will become ashes under the feet of the righteous (Malachi 4: 3).

May this be an appetizer for us all to get to know YHVH better, and assist us one day, at the return of Yahshua, to fulfill our destiny.

Chapter 5: What is the True Gospel or Good News?

Churchianity teaches that John 3: 16 is the true Gospel. It reads as follows: ***“For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*** Now this is indeed part of the Gospel, but there is much more to it.

The crux of this verse is that whoever believes in Him – i.e. Yahshua should not perish. What does this mean? It means that:

1. We should believe in what Yahshua said (taught) whilst He was on earth, and
2. That we should believe in His Name Yahshua – which essentially means that He is the Salvation of YHVH. By the way, the Name Jesus does not mean that at all.

Now what did Yahshua teach whilst He was here on earth? In Mark 1: 14 – 15 we read: ***“Now after John was put in prison, Yahshua came to Galilee preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim”*** and saying ***“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Elohim is at hand, Repent and believe in the Gospel”***.

There we have it – the message that Yahshua taught was the Good News of the coming Kingdom of Elohim. This world is dying due to global warming, oil depletion, natural disasters, manmade disasters, etc. and Yahshua brought a message of a New World with a better future for all.

Our world today can be compared to the time of Noah. In Noah’s day Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was very great and that every intent in his heart was only evil continually – this is quoted from Genesis 6: 15. Like at that time, our newspapers are full of stories of murder, rape, child abuse and stories about world leaders stealing and committing adultery. Only the very naïve do not recognize the signs of a dying world. The ongoing crime and violence leaves the world with very little hope!

Yahshua was very serious regarding preaching about the coming Kingdom of Elohim. We read about this in Luke 4: 43 ***'But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of Elohim to other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."*** It is also recorded for us, in the following scriptures:-

Matthew 4: 17, 23; Luke 9: 1 – 2; Luke 10: 1, 9; Matthew 5: 3, 10; Matthew 5: 19, 20; Matthew 7: 21; Matthew 6: 10; Mathew 6: 33; Matthew 26: 29; Acts 1: 3.

In Matthew 24 we see that Yahshua teaches His disciples about the coming tribulation at the end of the age. He also stressed that this Gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim has to be preached as a witness to the whole world, before the end shall come (verse 14).

Over the past number of years we have seen how the people whom YHVH our Elohim has called to be watchmen have gone back to the world and the churches of this world. The people who were supposed to blow the Trumpet – to warn the world of its impending demise and the hope of the coming Kingdom of Elohim, were too busy abolishing the ways of YHVH and getting back into the world and its pagan traditions. In addition, we are so caught up in the worries of this world, we became in-ward turned – worried about everything else, but the kingdom of Elohim.

Yahshua's followers in the Scriptures preached about the Kingdom of Elohim. In Matthew 3: 2 John the Immerser announced that ***"the kingdom of Heaven is at hand"***. Peter (Kepha) also spoke about the Kingdom of Elohim in 2 Peter 1: 10 & 11. We also read about Phillip's message in Acts 8: 12 as follows: ***"But when they believed Phillip preaching the good news about the kingdom of Elohim and the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were being immersed men and women alike."***

The Good News or Gospel was actually introduced before Messiah's earthly life. It is called an everlasting Gospel in Revelation 14: 6. In Hebrews 4: 2 we see that the Gospel was preached to ancient Israel, as follows: ***"For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they***

heard did not profit them, because it was not united in faith in those who heard.” The gospel was preached to Abraham as we read in Galatians 3: 8 ***“And the Scriptures foreseeing that Elohim would justify the Gentiles by Faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU.’”***

The Good News about the glorious future of mankind has been the plan of YHVH from the beginning. It was proclaimed to King David – He wrote about that kingdom of Elohim in Psalm 145: 10 – 13 as follows: ***“All Thy works shall give thanks to Thee, o YHVH, And Thy faithful (godly) ones shall Bless Thee. They shall speak of the esteem (glory) of Thy Kingdom And talk of Thy power; To make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of thy kingdom. Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Thy dominion endures throughout all generations.”*** Daniel knew about the coming kingdom of Elohim as recorded for us in Daniel 7: 27 ***“Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole earth will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.”***

One of the misunderstandings about the Kingdom was that two thousand years would separate Yahshua’s first coming as the sacrificial Lamb in John 1: 29 from His return as conquering King of the Kingdom as per Revelation 19: 11 -16. His first coming fulfilled a vital role of the Gospel - His sacrifice to make possible our forgiveness and justification, to finally enter His Kingdom and also to re-marry His bride Israel. His Second Coming will be to establish that incredible Kingdom.

What is a Kingdom?

- A Kingdom has a Ruler or King
- A Kingdom has subjects over which the King rules
- The King rules according to Laws

In the coming Kingdom of Elohim – Yahshua will rule as King of Kings and Master of Masters from Jerusalem. He will rule the people who survive the Great Tribulation and their children during the Millennium.

We, who will be in the first resurrection at Messiah's return, will rule under Messiah as Kings and Priests for a thousand years. We read about this in Rev. 5: 10 as follows: ***“And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our Elohim; and they will reign upon the earth”*** and Rev. 20: 6 ***“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of YHVH and of Yahshua and will reign with Him for a thousand years”***.

We will rule according to the “rules” set up by Elohim in Torah. Yahshua will put all things in subjection under His feet and will hand the Kingdom to His Father after the Millennium when YHVH Elohim may be all in all. See 1 Corinthians 15: 27 – 28; Revelation 22: 3 – 4 and Zechariah 14: 9.

When Yahshua the Messiah returns, He is going to change people. All the evil that Satan caused will be stopped. Crime will be eradicated by divine force and people will be re-educated to know and keep the Laws of YHVH.

We read about this new world in Is. 11: 6 - 9 as follows: ***“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb. And the leopard will lie down with the kid. And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together. And a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of YHVH”***.

Brethren we need to tell the world about the Wonderful World Tomorrow. We need to start proclaiming the True Gospel – giving the people in this world HOPE for the future. Our reward will be eternal life, in the land under YHVH/Yahshua.

Chapter 6: What is Satan's destiny?

In a private teaching to His disciples on the Mount of Olives, Yahshua warned in Matthew 24: 4 & 5 ***“See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah’, and will mislead many.”***

There are many false teachings in modern Christianity and other religions about Satan the devil. Some say that he is merely the embodiment of all that is evil, and not a real being. Others believe Satan appears as a red monster with horns, a tail and a pitchfork. But what is the Truth? The Scriptures reveal that Satan is the god (small g) of this present world. Rav. Shaul calls him that in 2 Corinthians 4: 4 as follows: ***“in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim”***

In an attempt to defeat Messiah, Satan claimed in Luke 4: 6 ***“I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”*** If Satan made this statement falsely, Messiah would certainly have told him so. However, Yahshua did not refute Satan's claim about the kingdoms of this world, instead, He rebuked him, saying in verse (8): ***“It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP YHVH YOUR ELOHIM AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”***

In Mathew 7: 13 Yahshua warned His disciples as follows: ***“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.”*** He was telling his disciples that the majority of mankind would be misled, and follow the easy broad way – the way to destruction. In Ephesians 2: 2 we see that Satan the deceiver is known as the prince of the power of the air. We know according to Revelation 12: 9 that; ***“And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”*** In Isaiah 14: 14 (in the King James Version of The Scriptures) we see that Satan was called Lucifer,

son of the morning before his fall. Today he is known as Satan and his angels are now called demons.

Doctrine about the great controversy between YHVH and Satan:

The question on our lips is: How did Satan become the god of this world? Many people have falsely assumed that the devil is the god of this world against (YHVH)'s will. They have mistakenly followed one of Satan's great false doctrines, that there is a great controversy between YHVH and him. This doctrine assumes that Satan is much more powerful than YHVH our Elohim. Despite all the work that Christian missionary workers have done over many centuries, we must agree that, there seems to be far more human beings 'lost' than what there are 'saved'. Considering the alleged contest between YHVH and Satan for human 'souls', we must admit that YHVH seems to be on the 'losing' side. It is very clear that most people are totally enveloped in sin today. It raises the question in our minds: if YHVH is OMNIPOTENT, why has so few people who ever lived heard the good news of salvation? Is this doctrine of Satan true? The answer may be found in Romans 11: 32 - 36 as follows: ***"For Elohim has shut all in disobedience, that He might show mercy to all. (33) Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! (34) FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF YHVH, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? (35) OR WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? (36) For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the esteem forever. Amen."***

According to (YHVH)'s plan of salvation, depicted by His annual Set-apart Days, there will be two resurrections or harvests of souls. The first resurrection is for those people who are called during this age to be a kind of first fruits, as it is put in James 1: 18 ***"In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures."*** The second harvest of souls will occur after the millennium rule of Yahshua Messiah, as it says in the last part of

Revelation 20: 4 and in verse 5: ***“and they came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years. (5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.”*** This is also spoken of in 1 Corinthians 15: 22 - 24 as follows; ***“For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. (23) But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruits, after that those who are Messiah’s at His coming, (24) then comes the end (ones), when He delivers up the kingdom to the Elohim and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.”***

The doctrine of the immortality of the soul:

Satan introduced his doctrine that man has an immortal soul to mother Eve, when he told her in Genesis 3: 4 as follows: ***“And the serpent said to the woman, “You surely shall not die!”*** This despite the fact that YHVH told Adam in Genesis 2: 17 ***“but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”*** Many assume that because Adam and Eve did not die during the first day that they ate of the forbidden fruit, that YHVH told an untruth. However, do not forget that according to The Scriptures to YHVH one day is like a thousand years. In 2 Peter 3: 8 we read: ***“But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with YHVH one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”*** We also know according to The Scriptures in Genesis 5: 5 ***“So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.”*** So my question is who was the liar here – o yes, it was the father of lies, Satan. Induced by Satan’s lies and deception Adam and Eve did sin. Since then all humankind have sinned and fall short of (YHVH)’s esteem. Death spread to all humankind through the sins of our forefathers. YHVH has allowed all of mankind to be led into sin by Satan, thus allowing us to see for ourselves where sin leads us. We see in the first part of Romans 6: 23 that, ***‘the wages of sin is death.’*** So as opposed to Satan’s lie that after disobeying YHVH our forefathers would not die, death was introduced. This was indeed a bleak picture, which left humankind in a miserable condition.

The doctrine that the saved goes to heaven and the un-saved to hell:

Satan has succeeded in selling his own desires as well as his final destination to his deceived audience, as their most important teaching. Satan wanted to go to heaven to take over (YHVH)'s throne in rebellion. We read about this in Isaiah 14: 13 - 14 as follows: ***“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of Elohim, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”*** Christianity, Moslems, Hindus and other religions believe that ‘good’ people go to heaven, beholding the face of Elohim for all eternity, at the time of their death. However, this doctrine inspired by Satan, is nowhere to be found in The Scriptures. As mentioned before, Satan as a spiritual being is immortal and has deceived mankind and more specifically many in Christianity, to believe that man is also immortal. We know that the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire and will be tormented day and night forever and ever. This may be read in Revelation 20: 10 as follows: ***“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”*** Many in Christianity and some other religions teach accordingly, that the wicked will be tormented in an everlasting fire.

Human beings are made from physical matter and without having received the Set-apart Spirit of YHVH at repentance and immersion; these people do not have eternal life in them – they are not immortal. When physical matter is thrown into a fire, it burns until it becomes ashes. This is exactly what will happen to the wicked, who will not accept Yahshua as their Savior, according to Malachi 4 :1 - 3 ***“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze.”*** says YHVH of hosts. ***“so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”*** (2) ***But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings: and you will go forth and skip about like***

calves from the stall. (3) And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on that day which I am preparing,” says YHVH of hosts.” A second witness to this can be found in Isaiah 26: 14 as follows: ***“The dead will not live, the departed spirits (spirits in man – without the Spirit of YHVH given at immersion into Yahshua’s saving Name) will not rise; Therefore Thou hast punished and destroyed them, And thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.”***

This tells us that when the wicked are thrown into the fire, after the second resurrection, they will not burn forever, but will be wiped out from remembrance. So we see eternity in an ever-lasting fire can not be the fate of un-repentant human beings. To further elucidate the point, herewith an explanation of a Hebrew and three Greek words translated as ‘hell’ in most versions of The Scriptures:

1. **Sheol**: Sheol is the Hebrew word translated as ‘hell’ throughout the Tanach. It refers to the state and abode of the dead; hence the grave in which the body rests. The Expository Dictionary of Bible Words explains, “There are no references to eternal destiny but simply to the grave as the resting place of the bodies of all people.” (Lawrence O. Richards, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 1985, page 336.) Reflecting the true meaning of the word, many more-recent versions of The Scriptures translate this word as ‘the grave’ (New International Version) or others leave it as sheol (New American Standard Bible). We read that among those who knew that they were going to the grave or Sheol, were Jacob (Genesis 37: 35), Job (Job 14: 13), David (Psalm 88: 3) and Hezekiah (Isaiah 38: 10). It is therefore clear that Sheol or the grave is not a place of torment.
2. **Hades**: The Greek counterpart of Sheol is Hades, which also refers to the grave in four verses in the Ketuvay HaNetsarim (or the renewed covenant). The word Hades appears in Matthew 11: 23; Luke 10: 15; Acts 2: 27 and 31. As with the word Sheol, Hades simply means the grave and is rendered as ‘the grave’ or ‘death’ or left un-translated as Hades in some recent versions of The Scriptures. Hades is

also not a place of fiery torment. In Acts 2: 27 and 31 we see that Yahshua was in 'Hades' or 'hell' during the time that He was in the grave, prior to His resurrection.

3. **Tartaroo:** Another Greek word tartaroo is also translated as 'hell' in the Ketuvay HaNetsarim (or the renewed covenant). This word is used once in 2 Peter 2: 4, where it refers to the place where the fallen angels are restrained before their judgment. The Expository Dictionary of Bible Words explains that tartaroo means 'to confine in Tartaros.' 'Tartaros was the Greek name for the mythological abyss in which rebellious gods were confined (page 337). Peter used the reference to the mythology of his time; to show the fate of sinning angels. YHVH "*committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.*" The angels were restrained awaiting the ultimate judgment for their part in the rebellion against YHVH and for their influence on mankind. Tartaros only applies to fallen angels or demons and never refers to a fiery hell in which human beings are punished after they die.

4. **Gehenna:** The only other word left, which is also translated as 'hell' is the Greek word Gehenna. Gehenna is derived from the Hebrew word Ga-Hinnom, meaning valley of Hinnom. According to 2 Kings 23 : 10, 13 and 14, Josiah defiled the valley of the son of Hinnom, with human bones and other corruptions to prevent the Israelites from making their sons and daughters pass through the fire for molech (a pagan god). Because of this evil reputation, this valley bordering Jerusalem came to be used as the city garbage dump. Trash was burned here along with bodies of dead animals and criminals. Fires that were stoked day and night burned the refuse. Gehenna is used 12 times in The Scriptures, with 11 of those being when Yahshua spoke of it. At the time, His listeners knew that this 'hell' was a consuming fire in which rubbish and the bodies of criminals are destroyed. He warned that this fire would be the fate of the hopelessly wicked sinners (see Matthew 5: 22, 29 – 30; 23: 15, 33; Luke 12: 5). However, when will this happen?

The people who opposed Yahshua's teachings were amongst the religious leaders of His time; they were not treated as criminals and their bodies were not burned at the city dump.

After the second resurrection, those who refuse to go (YHVH)'s way and to repent will be thrown into the Gehenna fire, an all consuming fire that will completely destroy them from all memory, as previously mentioned. We have seen through the examination of the words translated as 'hell' that the traditional view of an everlasting torment where sinners will be punished for eternity is simply not scriptural.

What about Lazarus and the Rich Man?

Do the parable of Lazarus and the rich man prove that man will suffer eternally in an everlasting hell fire? We know that Yahshua used parables as a method to teach his disciples. We know that a parable is an allegory used to teach important lessons. It is not to be understood literally, nor does it describe actual events taking place. When His disciples questioned Him as to why He uses this method of teaching, Yahshua explained to them in Mark 4: 11 - 12 as follows: ***"To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of Elohim; but those who are outside get everything in parables, (12) in order that while seeing, they may see and not perceive; and while hearing, they may hear and not understand lest they return and be forgiven."***

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia discusses the contemporary background of this particular allegory, as follows: *"This parable follows a story common in Egyptian and Jewish thought, in which the wicked rich and pious poor have their positions reversed in the afterlife. It is told from the point of view of the rich man, who speaks with Abraham from his place of torment. Although this parable does not intend to give a topographical study of the abode of the dead, it is built upon and thus confirms common Jewish thought... In the Jewish conception of Hades... the good and the wicked could see each other but were separated by a great chasm. Across this chasm the rich man called to Abraham, begging that Lazarus be sent to comfort him. When he was assured of the*

impossibility of this, he begged that Lazarus be sent back to warn his brothers of their possible fate. Abraham said that if they would not believe Moses, they would not believe one returned from the dead. The parable warns the rich that their possessions do not guarantee their future state. The parable was apparently directed toward Sadducean satisfaction with this life, based upon the belief that there would be no life beyond. Thus, Abraham said that even one from the dead would not convince the living to repent.” (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 1986, Vol. III, page 94).

In this parable Yahshua (In Luke 16: 19 – 31) used a familiar story of His day to point out a spiritual lesson to those who taught the law, but did not keep it fully. Basically the lesson teaches that eternal consequences depend on the kind of people we are and the choices that we make. In the parable the rich man dies. When he is resurrected (being a wicked person, this is obviously during the second resurrection) he learns that because of the way he lived life, his fate is destruction by fire. His torment (verse 23 & 24) is mental anguish. He obviously could not bring his riches with him and has lost everything on account of not obeying YHVH and rejecting Yahshua. The great chasm between Lazarus and the rich man is the difference between the rewards that they will receive. Lazarus will receive eternal life and the rich man will be destroyed in the lake of fire. The great chasm has to do with the time span of 1000 years between the first and the second resurrections

The conversation with Abraham is not literal - it is an allegory to teach a vital lesson. The rich man facing eternal destruction because of the way in which he lived, requests that his family be warned to repent in order to avoid the same fate. However, the parable concludes that sufficient warning about the results of sin is given in The Scriptures. People, who will not listen to what the word of YHVH says, will definitely also not listen to someone who was resurrected from the dead. The parable teaches that if we choose to reject YHVH and His ways, we will definitely be destroyed in the lake of fire.

However, those who advocate an immortal soul insist that this is not a parable. For the sake of argument let us therefore look at the

account of Lazarus and the rich man assuming that this is not a parable. The account commences with describing a certain rich man living in sheer luxury and splendor. It continues with describing a poor beggar named Lazarus, which was full of sores and lay outside the gate of the rich man's house. He begged to be fed with crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. In addition the dogs came and licked his sores. When the beggar dies he was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. Notice that Yahshua said that Lazarus was taken by angels into Abraham's bosom and not that he went to heaven. According to the law of inheritance described in the latter part of Galatians chapter 3 and in chapter 4, both Jews and Greeks (i.e. gentiles) who are in Messiah, are Abraham's seed according to the promise (Galatians 3: 29).

What did Elohim promise Abraham? To what promise was this beggar now an heir? YHVH did not promise Abraham and his children an abode in heaven. We read about the promise in Genesis 17: 7 - 8 as ***follows "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and to your descendants after you. (8) And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim."*** The land of Canaan is on earth and not in heaven. The beggar became Abraham's seed through faith in Messiah. Being the seed of Abraham, the beggar is promised the land of Canaan and not everlasting life in heaven.

The picture of being carried into Abraham's bosom means that he became one of Abraham's children. We know that a son, who is heir to his father's property, cannot possess the promise before his father inherits it. We know according to Hebrews 11: 39 & 40 that our fathers in the faith have not received their promised inheritance yet: ***"And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect."*** Like Yahshua, our fathers in the faith will receive eternal life through the resurrection at His return.

However, at this time we know that both Abraham and the beggar are still dead.

The beggar is carried to Abraham's bosom by angels. When according to The Scriptures do the angels come down from heaven? In Matthew 24: 31, we read ***“And He will send forth His angels with a GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”*** This will happen at the return of Messiah one day on the Feast of Trumpets, at the time of the first resurrection. So the beggar will only receive his inheritance one day when Yahshua returns.

Let us now consider what happens to the rich man. Scriptures tell us that he died. We see that whilst he was in Hades or 'hell', he lifted up his eyes. Where is this 'hell'? Shockingly as it may sound, the rich man was in the same 'hell' where Yahshua was buried. However, Yahshua's body did not see corruption as we read in Acts 2: 31 ***“he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID HIS flesh SUFFER DECAY.”*** Also notice in the account of Lazarus and the rich man, that Yahshua did not say when the rich man in the grave, lifted up his eyes. The rich man is pictured as one of the wicked, or lost. According to The Scriptures we see that the unjust will only open their eyes at the time of their resurrection (the second resurrection). We see this in John 5: 28 & 29 ***“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in their tombs shall hear His voice, (29) and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”***

Yahshua is talking about two different resurrections here. In Revelation 20: 4 we read of the resurrection of those in Messiah at His coming – the first resurrection. In verse 5 of Revelation 20 we read that the rest of the dead, those not resurrected at messiah's return, did not come to life until the 1000 years were completed, the second resurrection. The resurrection of the rich man occurs with that of all the unjust and the unsaved after the millennium. Yahshua did not say when the rich man will open his eyes and be

resurrected, but from other scriptures we understand that it will only be after the millennium - Hence the great chasm of time of 1000 years between the two resurrections.

What about the everlasting hell fire?

One third of all the Angels followed Lucifer in his rebellion and was cast down to earth with him. We read about this in Revelation 12: 3 and the first part of verse 4: ***“And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems (crowns). (4) And his tail swept away a third of the stars (stars are angels as can be seen in Revelation 1: 20) of heaven.”*** Satan is known as the ruler of the demons according to Matthew 12: 24. He uses these demons, to complete his deception, with a view to finally destroy most human beings, in order that they may not reach their ultimate potential of becoming the spiritual children of YHVH our Elohim. Being the prince of demons, Satan is only interested in the top-level jobs, in his attempt to destroy Elohim's plan, he began by trying to destroy Adam and Eve - the first humans on the earth. Then when YHVH our Elohim sent Yahshua, His own Son to become our Kinsman Redeemer, Satan tried to cause Yahshua to sin by tempting Him to break (YHVH)'s Torah commandments. Again when Yahshua had to die according to (YHVH)'s purpose, the devil ensured that Judas, one of Yahshua's chosen disciples, betrayed Him (see John 13: 27). Satan is very cunning and is continually looking for a prospective son or daughter of Elohim to destroy. YHVH through the apostle Peter warns us in 1 Peter 5: 8 about Satan's ways as follows: ***“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”***

We who observe Torah and believe in Yahshua are the prime targets of Satan on the earth today, as it says in Revelation 12: 17 ***“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments and hold the testimony of Yahshua.”*** The time is getting short and Satan knows that soon he will no longer be permitted to deceive the nations any longer. He is presently going

all out to deter us from reaching our destiny as first fruits; to become kings and priests under Yahshua our Messiah, during His millennial rule and on into eternity. Presently YHVH is allowing Satan to blind the world to His gospel – the purpose being, to show mankind that there will never again be a community who exists in rebellion to (YHVH)'s rule. Do not forget that this was (YHVH)'s plan all along, as we have quoted before from Romans 11: 32. In addition according to 2 Peter 3: 9 ***“YHVH is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”***

In Revelation 20: 1 – 3 we see: ***“And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, (30 and threw him into the abyss and shut it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”*** We also know that he will finally be tormented in the lake of fire and brimstone, forever and ever – since he as a spirit being cannot die. However in Matthew 25: 41 it says of Yahshua: ***“Then He will also say to those on His left, Depart from Me, accursed ones, into eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”***

Observe that these wicked sinners are cast into an eternal fire prepared for Satan and his demons. Un-repentant human beings are made from physical matter. Because they have not accepted Yahshua as their Savior, and were not immersed in His saving Name, they were also not sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of their inheritance (see Ephesians 1: 13 & 14), to eternal life. They are mortal and will according to Malachi 4: 3 be burned to become ashes under the feet of the righteous. So we see that the fire that Yahshua spoke about in Matthew 25 will consume the wicked human beings, but Satan who cannot die will be tormented here for ever.

As a side light: We know that YHVH our Elohim is Almighty and that He could create fire that will even consume spirit beings,

however, in this case it is not a matter of what is possible for Him, but what His will is. To continue, let us consider the meaning of the word 'eternal' in Matthew 25: 41. The word 'eternal' fire is translated from the Greek word *aionion*, with a root word *aion*, meaning 'age'. The English should therefore have been translated more correctly as an 'age'- lasting fire. Is this correction of everlasting to age-lasting supported in The Scriptures?

Let us consider carefully some important truths about the fire that Yahshua will use, to destroy His enemies. In 2 Thessalonians 2 we read about Yahshua's return. In verse 8 we see that when Yahshua returns He will destroy the "lawless one". Yahshua will lay hold of this false prophet and the Beast who will arise soon, and will throw them both into the lake of fire, burning with brimstone as per Revelation 20: 10. These are both human beings, who are possibly alive today. The fire will burn them, like all other wicked human beings, who will be thrown into this fire, to ashes.

As mentioned before, during Yahshua's life time the Valley of Hinnom was just outside of Jerusalem. Yahshua spoke about the valley which was referred to as Gehenna or translated as 'hell' 11 times in The Scriptures. At the time, His listeners knew that this 'hell' was a consuming fire in which rubbish and the bodies of criminals are destroyed. He warned that this fire would be the fate of the hopelessly wicked sinners. Messiah knew that their final judgment, together with that of the majority of mankind throughout history, is far in the future, after the second resurrection.

In Revelation 19: 20, the beast and the false prophet were thrown into the lake of fire, at the very beginning of the millennium rule of Messiah. In Isaiah 66: 24 we also see that during the millennial reign of Messiah and His saints, this valley will be kept burning throughout the millennium. The hopelessly wicked who will continue to rebel against (YHVH)'s Torah will be cast into this lake of fire, as a warning and witness to the people in the world. In the first part of Revelation 20: 10 we read: ***And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are*** (had been cast) ***also.***" The verb 'are' does not appear in the Greek translation, and also not in the King James

version of The Scriptures, and for this reason the (King James) translators added the word **are** in italics.

The Age-lasting fire will still be burning at the end of the millennium at which time Satan will be thrown into it. It will burn throughout the millennial age. That is the reason why this fire is also called an Age-lasting fire in Matthew 25: 41. Satan and all his demons, known as the fallen angels will be cast into this same lake of fire. We read about this in 2 Peter 2: 4 ***“For if Elohim did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell (mistranslated from the word tartaroo – which means a condition of restraint/imprisonment) and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.”***

The final enemy of true believers is death itself. When (YHVH)'s plan of salvation for mankind is finally completed, even death is to be completely destroyed. We read about this in I Corinthians 15: 26. ***“The last enemy that will be abolished is death.”*** Prior to the setting-up of the new heavens and new earth, all that is corrupt and fraudulent and all that can burn will be thrown into the lake of fire and consumed. This final fire will be so hot that the surface of the earth will be melted in the flames. We read about this in 2 Peter 3: 10 as follows: ***“But the day of YHVH will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”***

The earth's surface will become, for a time, as if it were the surface of our sun. This is the same fire in which Satan and his demons were cast. However, since they are spiritual beings, they will not be consumed. However, we see in Revelation 21: 27 that Satan and his demons will not be in the new heavens and new earth, as nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it. Where will Satan and his demons be punished? Most people do not understand that mental anguish is far worse than physical punishment. Satan and his demons will suffer mental torment as Yahshua explained in Luke 11: 24 ***“When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says ‘I will return to***

my house from which I came.” This explains why when Yahshua commanded the demons to come out of the man, and they ***"entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country"*** – see Mark 5: 10. Also note in verse 12 ***"And the demons entreated Him, saying, 'Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.'"***

YWHW our Elohim will again cast Satan out of His presence. In Ezekiel 28: 16 we read in the second part: ***"Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of Elohim. And I have destroyed you, o covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire."*** The word destroyed is explained by the word 'from'. This verse does not say Satan is destroyed, but it says Satan is destroyed from the midst of the stones of fire, or the location of Elohim's seat of authority. Hebrews 2: 14 is a scripture where this misunderstanding is explained. The last half of verse 14 in the King James Version reads: ***"that through death He (meaning Yahshua) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."*** The Greek word here translated "destroy" has more the meaning of "to annul, bring to naught, make of no effect" rather than a physical and total destruction, as is evident from the 'New American Standard Bible' where the word is translated as ***'render'*** powerless. YHVH is going to render Satan and his demons powerless, not destroy them.

A second witness to this fact can be found in Revelation 20, and verse 10. Notice that the devil is cast in to the lake of fire where the Beast and False Prophet had been cast, and that Satan shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. Because Satan will be tormented forever, and the fire is finally to burn-up all things physical, Satan will not stay in this Age-lasting fire for all time. Satan cannot be consumed. In Luke 20: 34 – 36 Yahshua said to the Sadducees, ***"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, (35) but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; (36) for neither can they die any-more, for they are like angels, and are sons of Elohim, being sons of the resurrection."*** Yahshua tells us that angels cannot die, and therefore Satan and his fallen angels can therefore also not die.

Conclusion:

Both the apostles Peter and Jude confirm that there is a time of judgment reserved for the fallen angels (demons). According to Revelation 5: 10 those of the first fruits who are resurrected during the first resurrection, will reign as kings and priests on the earth. An important part of the job functions of the resurrected first fruits will be judgment. YHVH will permit us to become judges of this world. In 1 Corinthians 6: 2 -3 we read this: **“Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? (3) Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?”** O yes it be our responsibility to judge the fallen angels and what sort of punishment will we meet out? Perhaps the sort mentioned in Jude 13 where we read about the ongoing punishment of the wandering stars (demons), to who is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. Satan's ultimate destination is apparently still to be decided - by the resurrected first fruit believers. Are you preparing yourself for this job function, which our Father has planned for us? Such a responsibility requires an incredible amount of understanding, wisdom and knowledge. We need to prepare for this by studying His word on a regular basis. YHVH has called us, to much more than just sitting on a cloud and looking upon His face for all eternity. We are going to rule the entire universe with Messiah. This is what the fallen angels were given to accomplish. Our responsibility is much greater than what we are able to comprehend at this time as we read in 1 Corinthians 2: 9 ***'but just as it is written, “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT ELOHIM HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”'***

Brethren, there is a wonderful future awaiting us, if we make it into the Kingdom of Elohim. We better not foul up our chances and need to be careful that we do not end up in the lake of fire to be burnt to ashes. Yes, it is possible if we go back to our former ways of life, after having tasted the knowledge that we have today, to be burned up in the lake of fire, as is explained in 2 Peter 2: 20 – 22 ***“For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the***

knowledge of the Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. (21) For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the Set-apart commandment delivered to them. (22) It has happened to them according to the true proverb, 'A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,' and 'A SOW, after washing, returns to wallow in the mire.'"

My wife and I were liberated from believing the account which the Italian poet Dante presented between the 13th and 14th centuries, as an eternal punishment of sinners, 32 years ago. He called it 'La Divina Comedia.' Oh yes that is indeed a comedy, but even now we need to be very careful how we live, as we the first fruits, are being judged during this age according to 1 Peter 4: 17 and could because of reckless living, still lose our crowns.

Chapter 7: What happens when we die?

There is a great deal of confusion about what various religious groups believe regarding death, and what happens thereafter. Some religious groups believe that we are born with immortal souls and that at death our souls go to either heaven or hell. Others believe that they are reincarnated after they die and come back to earth as another human being or even an animal. The confusion about death may directly be attributed to a misunderstanding about what constitutes a soul. The question is, does the soul exist apart from the body? And does it continue to exist after death? The English word soul is translated from the Hebrew word *'nephesh'*. The word nephesh means creature. According to Genesis 1 we see that both animals (verse 21) and human beings (verse 27) were created (*'Barah'* as opposed to *'Asah'* or to make in Hebrew). Man became a living soul or living being when YHVH breathed into his nostrils (Genesis 2: 7). So both animals and human beings have souls or are living souls.

The difference between plant life and animal life is that animals have souls. Their souls give them the instinct to survive, i.e. to propagate their species; to find food; to build shelters (nest), etc. The difference between human beings and animals is that man has a spirit within him. We read about this in the second part of Zechariah 12: 1 as follows: ***“Thus declares YHVH who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.”*** A second witness to this can be found in Job 32: 8 as follows: ***“But it is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.”*** The final sentence tells us that it is the spirit in man that gives us the ability to understand, i.e. to evaluate various options open to us, and to make a decision as to which option to select. We are free moral agents, with the ability to choose to go the way of YHVH – the way of giving and sharing, or the wrong way - which is in essence a way of get.

The soul is not immortal and if it sins, it shall die as we read in Ezekiel 18: 4 as follows: ***“Behold all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine. The soul who***

sins will die.” We know that after YHVH created man He told them what to eat and what not to eat. In Genesis 2: 17 YHVH told Adam: **“but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”** In Genesis 3: 4 we read that Satan told Eve that she would not die, after eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan contradicted what YHVH said and deceived Eve saying that man will not die. Most people even today still believe the lie that we will not die – that we are ‘immortal’. Satan has not only deceived our original mother Eve, but has as it says in Revelation 12: 9 ***‘deceived the whole world.’***

Prior to their sin Adam and Eve were destined to live for ever. They were covered in light as depicted in the last part of verses 26 through 28 of Ezekiel 1: ***“and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man. Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him. As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the esteem of YHVH. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.”*** This is talking about what Yahshua the likeness of Elohim looked like, prior to coming in the flesh. This is what He looked like at His transfiguration in Matthew 17: 1 & 2 ***“And He was transfigured before them and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light.”*** This is also what He will look like when He returns.

We were created in the image of Elohim according to Genesis 1: 27. We know from Colossians 1: 15 that Yahshua is the image of the invisible Elohim. So initially after the creation of man, we looked like the transfigured Yahshua, covered in light. When our original forefathers sinned, their light covering was removed and they were covered in skin and destined to die. We read about this in Genesis

3: 21 ***“And YHVH Elohim made garments of skin⁹ for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.”*** Since then all men are destined to die once. We are physical and therefore we age and eventually die.

The Hebrew Tanach teaches that upon death, the soul dies. In Job 14: 12 we read: ***“So man lies down and does not rise. Until the heavens be no more, He will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep.”*** In the Brit Chadashah a word similar to nephesh, i.e. psuche meaning life or soul is used. In Matthew 16: 25 – 26 Yahshua said: ***“For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul.”***

The apostle Peter taught in Acts 2: 29 as follows: ***“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.”*** King David’s hope, and ours, is to live again through the sacrificial death of Yahshua Messiah and the resurrection available through Him. According to Galatians 3: 13 & 14 ***“Yahshua redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, ‘CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE’- In order that in Messiah Yahshua the blessing of Abraham might come to the people, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”***

The scriptures that we considered make it clear that man is a mortal soul and does not possess immortality at all. Upon death life as we know it ends. It does not continue in some other realm – in either heaven or in hell. A dead person is also not reincarnated into

⁹ As a side light, in Hebrew both the word light (אור) and skin (עור) are pronounced as ‘ohr’, however, the word light is spelt with an aleph and skin with an ayin. Many Christians, Messianic Jews and even Nazarene Jews/Israelites believe that in the account in Genesis 3: 21 YHVH slaughtered a lamb as sacrifice for their sin and to dress Adam and Eve in lamb skin. However, The Scriptures does not say that.

another person or being. From the time of our original parents Adam and Eve, all men have died. However, death is not the end; YHVH has not left us without hope, as Rav Shaul puts it in 1 Corinthians 15: 22 ***“For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive.”***

Despite the fact that we will all eventually die, YHVH has planned more than only this temporary physical existence for us. Job knew this and asked many years ago in Job 14: 14 ***“If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait, until my change comes.”*** He answers the question himself in verse 15 as follows: ***“Thou wilt call and I will answer Thee; Thou wilt long for the work of thy hands.”***

After we die our bodies and souls are unconscious, waiting for Elohim to call us from the grave and restore us back to life. When Yahshua our Messiah returns, He brings back our perfected spirits and a marvelous transformation will occur before we receive eternal life. The dead in Messiah will be raised imperishable, and those who are still alive will be changed from a perishable to an imperishable life (their spirits perfected instantly). Rav Shaul confirms this in 1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 52 ***“Behold I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall be changed.”***

This gets us back to the skin that we read about in Genesis 3: 21. In 2 Corinthians 5: 1 – 5 ***“For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from Elohim, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.”***

We Nazarene Israelites believe that according to 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, a human being is made up of body, soul and spirit. When we repent and are immersed into the saving name of Yahshua, essentially accepting that His death removed the record of our transgressions, YHVH gives us a portion of His Set-apart Spirit. The Set-apart Spirit combines with the spirit in man and we are begotten anew. This gives us the opportunity to, like Yahshua be resurrected at His return. When we die our bodies and souls are buried and our spirits go back to the Father who gave it, during which time our Father perfects it in Heaven. This is recorded in Hebrews 12 verse 23 as follows: ***“to the general assembly and the ecclesia of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.”*** When Yahshua returns He will bring back our perfected spirits and will resurrect our bodies and souls. Our imperishable bodies and souls will merge with our perfected spirits from heaven, and we will become kings and priests under Yahshua’s rulership during His Millennial rule.

The Scriptures reveal to us that not all will be resurrected at the same time. In 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 23 we read: ***“But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruit, after that those who are Messiah’s at His coming.”*** Rav Shaul writes in Romans 8: 11 that we must have Elohim’s Set-apart Spirit in us, if we want to be resurrected to life, as follows: ***“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah Yahshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.”***

We also have this hope within us that if we have been immersed in Yahshua’s saving name we have the Set-apart Spirit dwelling in us as is confirmed in Acts 2: 38 ***‘And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.”’***

There is no discrimination in death – both the righteous and sinners all die. We are perturbed when the life of a young child comes to an end, due to an accident, illness or a violent crime. We are also deeply shocked when tragedies like the tsunami, which occurred at the end of 2004, kills thousands of innocent people. It is clear that victims of such a tragedy were in the wrong place at the wrong time. YHVH did not single out the people who died in this tsunami for early punishment – it is pure happen stance. We are all subject to uncertainties. We read about this in Ecclesiastes 9: 11 & 12 as follows: ***“I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor wealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability, for time and chance overtakes them all. Moreover, man does not know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net and birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ensnared at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them.”***

Yahshua our Messiah taught his disciples in parables. His disciples questioned Him as to why He used this method of teaching. In Mark 4: 11 & 12 we read His explanation: ***‘And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of Elohim; but those who are outside get everything in parables, in order that while seeing, they may see and not perceive; and while hearing, they may hear and not understand lest they return and be forgiven.”*** Yahshua taught in John 6: 44 that: ***“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him;”*** In Romans 11: 2 & 3 Rav Shaul points out that when Elijah thought that he was the only worshipper of YHVH, we read in verses 4 & 5: ***‘But what is the divine response to him? “I HAVE KEPT FOR MYSELF SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.” In the same way then there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to Elohim’s gracious choice.’***

A remnant is only a small number of the total number of people around the world. YHVH has revealed that He will only call a few to salvation at this age. Yahshua explained in Matthew 7: 13 & 14 ***“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter***

by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.” However, this is not the approach of YHVH to exclude most of mankind from salvation. The truth is that He has chosen this approach to extend His promised to all as it says in Romans 11: 32 ***“For Elohim has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy on all.”***

The annual Set-apart Days of YHVH depict His plan of Salvation for all mankind. Pentecost or Shavuot points to the initial harvest of souls, a kind of first fruits unto YHVH. Romans 8: 29 speak of Yahshua Messiah as the ***“firstborn of many brethren”***. We who are called now are also considered to be a type of first fruits. In James 1: 18 we read: ***“In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.”*** A second witness to this is found in 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 as follows: ***“But we should always give thanks to Elohim for you, brethren beloved by the Master, because Elohim has chosen you from the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in truth.”*** The significance of the scriptures calling us first fruits becomes evident when we consider John 14: 6, where Yahshua said: ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”***

How many people throughout the ages, have really accepted and practiced the way Yahshua taught? Few people today know and understand that YHVH follows a plan depicted by his Set-apart Days, to save all humanity by offering them eternal life in His Kingdom. We are at this juncture only the beginning or foundation of the harvest for the kingdom of Elohim to come. The people who are called during this dispensation, who overcome Satan, the world and self, will be given power to rule over nations. (Revelation 2: 26). They will be those resurrected immediately at Messiah’s return and they will reign with Him on the earth for a thousand years, assisting in the teaching of Elohim’s truth to humanity (Revelation 5: 10 and Revelation 20: 6).

Yahshua Messiah will return to set up the everlasting Kingdom of Elohim which will never be destroyed, according to Daniel 7: 14. In

verse 18 of Daniel 7, we read: ***“but the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.”*** In Acts 15: 15 – 18 the apostle James taught that Yahshua will return to reestablish the nation of Israel (all twelve tribes): ***“And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, “AFTER THESE THINGS I WILL RETURN, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID, WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK YHVH, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SAYS YHVH WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM OF OLD.”***

The resurrection we have discussed so far occurs when Yahshua our Messiah returns, and it includes those who are in Messiah, known as the first fruits. YHVH speaks about a veil of spiritual blindness that is upon the majority of human beings. In Isaiah 25: 7 & 8 we see that YHVH will ultimately destroy this blindness: ***‘And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. (8) He will swallow up death for all time, And YHVH Elohim will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For YHVH has spoken.’*** When will that veil be destroyed? When will the ‘*day of judgment*’ come for billions over the centuries who never had a real chance to know the will of YHVH and accept Yahshua as their true Savior? What happens to little children who died without receiving the Set-apart Spirit and seeking the Kingdom of Elohim? What about those people who died in nations where they never even heard about the name of Yahshua? What is their eternal destiny?

In verse 6 of Revelation 20 we see that those who reigned with Messiah for a thousand years are part of the first resurrection. The apostle John called those not resurrected at the time of Messiah’s return ***“the rest of the dead”*** in Revelation 20: 5. John said that they did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. The second resurrection occurs after the millennial rule of Messiah. The second resurrection is also known as the great white throne judgment. We read about this in Revelation 20: 12 ***“And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and***

books were opened (The Scriptures); and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.”

All who have not yet been dealt with in the previous steps of the plan of YHVH will appear before Him. For the first time in their lives they will correctly understand the Word of YHVH, the teachings of The Scriptures. These people will then have their first opportunity to understand and know YHVH our Elohim's way of life. They will be given a chance to make an informed decision as to whether they want to repent of their past sins. Their 'day of salvation', their period of judgment will begin at that time. In Isaiah 65: 17 & 20 we see that this period will last for one hundred years: 17 ***“For behold I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.”*** 20 ***“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one¹⁰ who does not reach the age of one hundred Shall be thought accursed.”***

YHVH will give those resurrected after the millennium sufficient time to prove through their actions and decisions, that they believe in Yahshua the Messiah and want to do the will of the Father in heaven. The second resurrection is not a second chance for salvation; for those resurrected at that time, it is an opportunity to really get to know YHVH. They will be judged according to their deeds and decisions, by the things which were written in the books (The Scriptures). Judgment will take place over time and they will have the opportunity to understand the way of life of YHVH. There will be no premature deaths during this period. Those who repent, accept Yahshua as their Savior and overcome during the 100 year period of time will be immersed into Yahshua's saving Name. They will be given a portion of the Set-apart Spirit and have their names inscribed into the book of life.

¹⁰ The side reference in the New American Standard Bible reads: 'One who misses the mark'

Yahshua explained about a time during which people from all generations will be judged at the same time in Matthew 11: 20 – 24 as follows: ***“woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Nevertheless I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment, than for you. And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom, which had occurred in you it would have remained to this day. Nevertheless I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment, than for you.”*** There are similar examples in Matthew 10: 14 & 15 and 12: 41 & 42.

This concept is further explained in Ezekiel 37. This passage essentially speaks about the members of the lost ten tribes of Israel being raised and united with Judah. Most of these Israelites were deceived through the past centuries. YHVH reveals in Ezekiel 37 that He will resurrect these Israelites and give them His truth, so that they will receive His Set-apart Spirit to lead them to salvation. YHVH first deals with His chosen people Israel, and then He will deal with all other peoples. YHVH is a merciful Elohim and He will give all human beings a chance to come to repentance. YHVH will bring the vast majority of mankind back to life and will fill those who willingly follow Him, with his Set-apart Spirit.

However, there might be some that will never accept the way of life of YHVH. Their fate is to be burned up once and for all. They will not be tormented forever. Only spiritual beings such as Satan and his demons have that fate facing them. Human beings who are made from flesh and blood will burn until they are turned to ashes (see Malachi 4: 1 – 3). And according to Revelation 20: 15 ***“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”***

The final event to happen is when the New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven from Elohim and YHVH Himself will come and Tabernacle among man (see Revelation 21).

Chapter 8: Yahshua the Salvation of YHVH.

There is an old saying that goes: Nothing is more certain than death and taxes. When we receive news that someone we know has died, we are sad as it suddenly reminds us that we, too, will die – tomorrow, next year or in the next twenty years. The fear of death has driven many men to search for the so-called fountain of youth. Many today hope that science will be able to add both quality and years to their lives. Imagine what it would mean if scientists were to discover a means to prevent aging, or even allowing people to escape death. It would indeed be the greatest and most applauded event in our history.

Even in our modern world we all realize that, that is only a fantasy. However, people still cling to the hope of eternal life or as a second prize; life after death. How wonderful it would be if there was really a purpose for human life on earth – a purpose which includes eternal life. **My purpose with this message is to tell you exactly that.**

It is the ultimate intent of YHVH to give human beings eternal life. We read this in Titus 1: 2 as follows: ***“in the hope of eternal life, which Elohim, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago.”*** We also read in 1Timothy 2: 3 & 4 ***“This is good and acceptable in the sight of Elohim our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth.”***

Sin entered our world when our original parents Adam and Eve, sinned in the Garden of Eden. Since that time we, their descendants have continued to sin and as Rav Shaul said in Romans 3: 10 – 12 and 18: ***“There is none righteous, not even one, There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for Elohim, All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one. There is no fear of Elohim before their eyes.”*** In Romans 3: 23 he says, ***“All have sinned and fall short of the esteem of Elohim.”*** Yes even the best behavior and thoughts of human beings fall short of righteousness.

The Torah or teachings of YHVH defines what sin is. Sin is breaking the commandments of YHVH. Sin is living contrary to His will for us. In the first part of Romans 6: 23 we read: ***“The wages of sin is death”*** This penalty came when Adam and Eve disobeyed YHVH. We read about it in Romans 5: 12 as follows: ***“Through one man(Adam) sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because all sinned.”***

Death as we read in Romans 6: 23 is the penalty every person earns by sinning. We can do nothing to escape death. We cannot bargain with Elohim to take it away. We cannot do any good works to save ourselves from our common fate as human beings. We are in dire straits as nothing that we might accomplish on our own can change our spiritual condition. Further more we cannot even do anything for our family, whom we love. We read in Psalm 49: 7 ***“No man can by any means redeem his brother, Or give Elohim a ransom for him.”*** However, in Psalm 49: 15 we also read: ***“But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of the Sheol (grave); For He will receive me.”*** YHVH our Elohim will rescue us from the grave. What good news! Rav Shaul further added in Romans 8: 20 & 21: ***“For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the esteem of the children of Elohim.”***

Let us now have a look at YHVH our Elohim’s plan of salvation, which was finalized before the human race was created. Peter explained in 1 Peter 1: 18 – 20 as follows: ***“knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb, unblemished and spotless, the blood of Messiah. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.”***

Yahshua of Nazareth, Elohim in the flesh, came and dwelt among us (see John 1: 14) He took upon himself our humanity and shared our grief’s and sorrows. In Hebrews 4: 15 we read: ***“ For we do not***

have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.” As per Colossians 2: 13 &14 Yahshua nailed our spiritual indebtedness or our note of guilt to His execution tree. He died clearing our names before YHVH, so that we might live. This is summed up in John 3: 16 ***“For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”***

Our salvation is possible only through Yahshua, as Peter said in Acts 4: 12 ***“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”*** In YHVH our Elohim’s plan of salvation we must be justified and be reconciled with Him. Justification is more than receiving His pardon for our sins, although it includes that. YHVH rescues us from our sin and enables us to love and obey Him through the power of His Set-apart Spirit. The sacrifice of Yahshua expresses the mercy of YHVH, by which He removes our sin and lifts the death penalty. Without Yahshua’s sacrifice and the mercy of YHVH, we are in bondage to sin. Sin separates us from Elohim and creates a wall that must be breached by His favor. YHVH our Elohim’s plan of salvation requires that sin be condemned. We read in Romans 8: 3 that YHVH by ***“sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.”***

Rav Shaul wrote to the Ephesians (in Eph. 2: 5), that even when they ***“were dead in trespasses”*** or sins, Elohim made them ***“alive together with Messiah.”*** At one time, due to sin, we were as if dead – though still alive in the flesh. The people whom YHVH has justified, whilst being subject to death, are as good as being alive eternally. Justification is what reconciles us to YHVH our Elohim. Justification brings us into an intimate relationship with YHVH. Rav Shaul said in Romans 5: 1 that those in such a relationship, ***“Having been justified by faith, we have peace with Elohim through our Master Yahshua Messiah.”***

We are according to Romans 3: 28 ***“justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.”*** But, if we belong to YHVH, we will seek to

please Him. We did not earn His favor; it is a gift to us. Rav Shaul wrote in Titus 3: 4 &5 that justification comes through ***“the kindness of Elohim our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His favor, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing by the Ruach HaKodesh.”***

Once YHVH calls us and we respond with trust and obedience, Elohim makes us His sons and daughters. In 1 John 3: 1-2 we read ***“See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of Elohim; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know HIM. Beloved, now we are children of Elohim, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.”*** Even though we are now children of Elohim, we are not glorified yet. Our existing physical bodies must be changed if we are to live eternally. Our physical bodies must be replaced with spiritual bodies to become immortal so that we may live eternally. This is confirmed in 1 Corinthians 15: 53 ***“For the perishable must put on the imperishable and the mortal must put on immortality.”***

Our final change will only occur when Yahshua returns. Rav Shaul explains in Philippians 3: 20 & 21 ***“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for the Savior Yahshua Messiah; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His esteem, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”*** We who trust and obey YHVH already have our citizenship in heaven; however, we eagerly wait for the return of Yahshua our Savior.

Once YHVH has granted us His favor, He remains faithful, even if we occasionally stumble. The account of the Prodigal Son shows that if we are the children of YHVH, even if we fall short, we are still His children. He does not want to condemn us, but expects the wayward ones to come to themselves and return to Him. If we are humble, when we return, as in the example of the Prodigal Son, He

will receive us back with great joy. Once YHVH saves us, we become His children forever and He will work with us until we are fully united with Him at our resurrection. This is confirmed in Philippians 1: 6 as follows: ***“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Messiah Yahshua.”***

The imminent reality of YHVH our Elohim’s plan of salvation occurs at Yahshua Messiah’s return and the resurrection of the dead. That is the time when the transformation from mortal to immortality will happen. Yahshua’s own resurrection is the assurance of Elohim’s promise to us. Yahshua promised that everyone who believes in Him will have everlasting life and as per John 6: 40 Yahshua says: ***“I will raise him up at the last day.”*** Rav Shaul explains in 1 Thessalonians 4: 14 ***“For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so Elohim will bring with Him those who sleep in Messiah.”***

The resurrection will only occur when Yahshua returns. We wait and hope for that day, as did Rav Shaul when he wrote in 2 Timothy 4: 7 & 8 ***“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which Yahshua, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*** If we are children of YHVH, we will focus our lives around Yahshua Messiah. As Rav Shaul stressed in Philippians 3: 12 - 14 ***“Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Messiah Yahshua. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call in Yahshua Messiah.”*** The prize as we know is eternal life. In Revelation 21 in the last part of verse 6 and 7 YHVH tells us our destiny: ***“I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of water of life without cost. He who overcomes shall inherit these things and I will be his Elohim and he will be MY son.”***

Chapter 9: Yahshua shall return.

The focal point of The Scriptures revolves around the coming of Yahshua the Messiah as Savior and King of Israel. In the Garden of Eden our first parents, damaged their relationship with Elohim, by sinning. However YHVH foretold the coming of a Redeemer who would repair the spiritual breach with Him in Genesis 3: 15. YHVH said to the serpent who tempted Adam and Eve to sin: **“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel”** This is the 1st prophesy in scriptures about the coming Messiah, who would smash the power that sin and death hold over humans. How will this happen? We know that it happened by the sacrificial death of Yahshua our Savior.

Yahshua accomplished this at His first coming. In John 1: 29 Yochanan the Immerser recognized Him as ***“the Lamb of Elohim, who takes away the sins of the world.”*** Scriptures reveal the importance of Elohim becoming flesh at the 1st coming of Yahshua the Messiah. Scriptures also reveal that Yahshua will most certainly come again, visibly and in power. After Yahshua’s resurrection, as His disciples watched him ascend, two angels asked in Acts1: 11: ***“Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Yahshua, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*** Yahshua’s Olivet prophesy in Matthew 24: 1 – 25 and 46 addressed Messiah’s disciple’s questions and concerns about His return at the end of this age.

In 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, well after Yahshua’s resurrection Rav Shaul (Paul) told the assembly how the Master Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet call of Elohim. According to 1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 54, at Yahshua’s return He will raise the righteous dead to immortality and change the faithful who are still alive, and they will all meet Him in the clouds.

The big Question is when? Throughout the ages, people have

speculated about the return of Messiah – and many times these people were disappointed when their various interpretations failed. Overemphasizing Yahshua's return diverts our minds from doing the work of Elohim. Many become so engrossed in prophetic speculation that they fail to fulfill their rightful role as Nazarene Israelites, i.e. to be lights in the world; to be watchmen over both houses of Israel, warning them about impending problems, due to sin; and continuing to esteem YHVH and serve our fellow human beings.

Our focus should be on being ready for Yahshua's return, whenever it occurs. We see in Matthew 24: 44 “ ***You also must be ready,***” ***said Yahshua, “because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”*** And in Matthew 10: 22: “***He who stands firm to the end will be saved.***” Yes, according to Philippians 3: 21 Yahshua will return in all esteem “to transform the lowly bodies of believers, so that they will be like His new esteemed body”.

However, no-where in The Scriptures do we find it telling us directly or indirectly, when Yahshua will return. His return is not as important as whether we are ready when He does. Yet people have for the past 2000 years constructed elaborate ideas about His return, which actually sabotaged the main message of The Scriptures and devastated the faith of many believers. For early believers Yahshua's return was certain. The disciples didn't need to worry about when it would occur. YHVH wanted them to stop gazing into the sky and get on with preaching the truth.

The chaotic world in which we live today, begs us to look for 'signs' in the cosmos to indicate that the return of Messiah is imminent. We yearn for Messiah to come and straighten out the mess we find ourselves in. However, prophetic speculation is still ill advised. The reason is that prophetic misfires destroy faith. People were always on the look out for 'signs' which, will according to 'prophecy' announce and accompany Jacob's trouble, and because the signs included selfish rulers, civil disobedience, drought, floods, famine, comets, plagues, and an increase in sinfulness, which were present

throughout history, there is never any difficulty about finding these 'signs.'

People are more concerned with the date on which Yahshua will return than with how He commanded us, His followers to live until he comes. During the great plague in Europe in the 13th century, prophets of that day predicted that Messiah will return within the following ten years. John Wesley, the father of the Methodist Church, said the end would come in 1836. Jehovah's Witnesses speak of the Creator's promise of a peaceful and secure new world, before the generation that saw the start of the 1st world war in 1914, passes away.

When my wife and I started believing, more or less what we do today, except for the Oneness of Elohim and the use of the Set-apart Names, the group that we belonged to, believed that the end would come in 1974. That was the year we started, but many who followed the teachings of that group until then, left because predictions did not come true.

YHVH does not take us out of this hostile, selfish world; He leaves us in it to do the work of proclaiming the good news of His coming Kingdom and to 'believe in the one, whom He has sent.' In Luke 19 verse 13 Yahshua said to his disciples "**Occupy until I come.**" We must not give up. We are living in the enemy's territory, spiritually, and we are supposed to witness to a better way of life. We are ambassadors of the Kingdom of YHVH in a world hostile Him. As ambassadors we need to show the people amongst whom we live in this world, the better way that we are supposed to live like in the kingdom of Elohim. We keep the laws applicable to the country in which we live (as long as these conform to the Torah of YHVH), but also the Laws applicable to the Kingdom of Elohim in heaven, i.e. the Torah. The reason is that we should be examples to the other people in the world. We have to show them that we keep the commandments and other laws for our own good.

When the Kingdom of Elohim comes to earth as it is presently in Heaven, we will already be keeping the Torah, but without ever

sinning, since we will be Spiritual by then. To enable us to live in the hostile territory of our enemy here on earth, we need to put on the full armor of YHVH our Elohim, so that we may take a stand against the Devil's schemes (see Ephesians 6:11). Our orders from Yahshua are clear: we need to occupy till He returns. When He returns, He hopes to find us **'doing so'** (Matt. 24: 46).

We must not let the enemy's propaganda wear us out. We need to remain loyal to the coming King of Kings and Master of Masters. However, do not misunderstand what I am trying to get across with this book. Even though we should focus on how we live, we should also proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim. Our world today can be compared to the time of Noah. According to Genesis 6: 15 (paraphrased); Elohim saw that the wickedness of mankind was very great and that every intent in his heart was only evil continually, in Noah's day.

Like at that time, today our newspapers are full of stories of rape, murder and other crimes against humanity. Only the very naïve do not recognize the signs of a dying world. The increasing crime and violence leaves the world with very little hope! Yahshua was serious about proclaiming the good news about the coming Kingdom of Elohim. In Matthew 24 we see that Yahshua teaches His disciples about the coming tribulation at the end of the age. He also stressed that the gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim has to be proclaimed as a witness to the entire world, before the end shall come.

Yes we need to give the people of our dying world hope for the future, by telling them about the world to come (at the return of Yahshua). The Kingdom of Elohim will usher in a time of prosperity. When Yahshua returns He is going to change the nature of people. All evil that Satan caused will be stopped. According to Micah 4: 3 & 4 ***"And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war. And each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make them afraid,***

For the mouth of YHVH of hosts has spoken.”

Even the nature of wild animals will be changed. We read about that in Isaiah 11: 6 - 9 as follows: ***“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And the little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My Set-apart mountain; For the earth will be full of the knowledge of YHVH As the waters cover the sea.”***

Even though our commission is to tell the people in this evil world about the Wonderful World Tomorrow, giving them hope for the future, we cannot set dates. The reason according to Matthew 24: 36 is: ***“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”*** Yes we know that Yahshua’s return is near, but we cannot set dates or give ultimatums. Whenever, He returns, His orders to us are still valid; we need to occupy till He returns. This is confirmed in Matthew 24: 46 as follows: ***“Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.”***

We should look forward with complete faith to the return of Messiah to rule the world from Jerusalem for a thousand years. However, we must continue to do the work and plan to live in the present world, under worse conditions on an ongoing basis, until we die one day. We might believe that things cannot get any worse, but according to Matthew 24: 21 & 22, it is going to go a lot worse, before the end will come: ***“for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world, until now, nor ever shall.”***

Below is more than adequate evidence from The Scriptures, prophesying about Yahshua’s return:

In Torah, Prophets and Writings.

Prophecy

Location in the Scriptures

- The obedience of the nations will be His. Genesis 49: 10
- As a star out of Jacob, He will crush defiance. Numbers 24: 17
- He will judge the ends of the earth. 1 Samuel 2: 10
- He will stand upon the earth. Job 19: 25
- YHVH will install Him as King on Zion. Psalm 2: 6
- He will inherit the nations and rule them with an iron scepter. Psalm 2: 8 & 9
- All the ends of the earth will bow down before Him. Psalm 22: 27
- The righteous will flourish and prosperity will abound. Psalm 72: 7
- He will rule from sea to sea. Psalm 72: 8
- He will deliver the afflicted who have no one to help. Psalm 72: 12
- All nations will be blessed through Him and they will call Him blessed. Psalm 72: 17
- His enemies will become His footstool: His scepter will extend from Zion. Psalm 110: 1 & 2
- He will judge the nations. Psalm 110: 6
- He will be established as world ruler, and the nations will come to learn from Him. Isaiah 2: 2 - 4
- World peace will be established. Isaiah 2: 4
- He will shatter the burdensome yoke and the rod of the oppressor. Isaiah 9: 4
- His government and peace will increase without end. Isaiah 9: 7
- He will reign on David's throne and establish it with righteousness forever. Isaiah 9:7
- He will slay the wicked. Isaiah 11: 4
- He will come to punish people for their sins. Isaiah 26: 21
- As David's righteous Branch, He will reign wisely. Jeremiah 23: 5
- Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell in safety. Jeremiah 23: 6
- He will be called "YHVH our Righteousness" Jeremiah 23: 6
- The Davidic throne will be restored to Him to whom it rightfully belongs. Ezekiel 21: 27
- He will come with the clouds of heaven. Daniel 7: 13
- Judah and Israel will be reunited. Hosea 1: 11
- The earth and the sky will tremble when YHVH roars from Zion. Joel 3: 16
- He will dwell in Zion; foreigners will never again invade Jerusalem. Joel 3: 17
- He will go before His people as one who breaks open the way. Micah 2: 13

- The world will not train for war anymore. Micah 4: 3
- Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid. Micah 4: 4
- He will be the peace of his flock. Micah 5: 4 - 5
- He will be with His people who will never again fear harm. Zephaniah 3: 15
- He will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on His throne. Zechariah 6: 13
- Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of YHVH the Holy Mountain. Zechariah 8: 13
- His rule will extend from sea to sea. Zechariah 9: 10
- He will pour out a spirit of grace and supplication, and those who pierced Him will mourn for Him. Zechariah 12: 10
- The Mount of Olives will be split in two. Zechariah 14: 4
- He will come and all the Set-apart ones with Him. Zechariah 14: 5
- The nations will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. Zechariah 14: 16
- He will purify the Levites. Malachi 4: 4

In the Writings of the Netsarim (to all Nations)

Prophecy

Location in the Scriptures

- Those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom. Matthew 7:21
- He will reject those who did not truly follow Him. Matthew 7:22-23
- He will come in His Father's glory, with the angels to reward all people according to what they have done. Matthew 16:27
- The nations will see Him coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30
- The angels will gather His elect from the four winds. Matthew 24:31
- No one except the Father knows the day or the hour of Yahshua's return. Matthew 24:36
- Yahshua will come at an unexpected hour. Matthew 24:44
- The Father will give Him the throne of David. Luke 1:32
- His kingdom will never end. Luke 1:33
- His servants must be ready when He returns. Luke 12:35, 40
- He will feast with His servants. Luke 12:37
- Those who have done good will rise to live. John 5:29
- He will come back in the same way He was seen going into heaven. Acts 1:11
- He will judge the living and the dead. Acts 10:42
- He will give to each person according to what he has done. Romans 2:6
- He will reign until He has put all his enemies under his feet. 1 Corinthians 15:25

- The trumpet will sound, and the righteous dead will be raised imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:52
- YHVH will have carried His work in us to completion. Philippians 1:6
- At His name every knee will bow. Philippians 2:10
- When He appears, we will appear with Him in esteem. Colossians 3:4
- He will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of YHVH. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- The dead in Messiah will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- We who are alive and left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- He will be revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. 2 Thessalonians 1:7
- He will overthrow the lawless one with the breath of His mouth and destroy him by the splendor of His coming. 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- He will judge the living and the dead. 2 Timothy 4:1
- YHVH will make His enemies a footstool. Hebrews 1:13
- He will appear, for the second time, to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:28
- His coming is near. James 5:8
- He will not be slow in keeping His promise. 2 Peter 3:9
- When He appears, we will be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2
- The kingdom of the world will become His kingdom. Revelation 11:15
- He will reward His servants. Revelation 11:18
- The armies of heaven will follow Him. Revelation 19:14
- The beast and the false prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire, and the rest of those who oppose Him killed. Revelation 19:20-21
- The righteous will reign with Him for a thousand years. Revelation 20: 4

Chapter 10: Is the Torah still binding on us today?

To fully understand this question, we need to consider two scriptural concepts. They are known as a Shadow and a Type. There is a major difference between a shadow and a type and we will discuss each one of these in turn:

Type:

The sacrificial laws are types. Once Yahshua became the (sacrifice) law - there was no longer a need for the type. However we now keep the Passover with new emblems or as Yahshua so rightly put it in Mark 14: 24: ***"And He said to them, "This is My blood of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many."*** Yahshua has fulfilled the Sacrificial Law and introduced a new way of keeping Elohim's Feasts, for example Passover. There is no longer a requirement to sacrifice animals, but we keep the Passover with unleavened bread, representing Yahshua's body - bruised for our iniquities; and the wine representing Yahshua's blood, which was shed for the forgiveness of the sins of the world - including ours.

Shadow:

A shadow points to the reality, but never does away with it. The Set-apart days (Feasts days of YHVH) are shadows of things to come (See Colossians 2: 17). These Feasts are introduced by YHVH in Leviticus 23 are a shadow of things to come. It relates the plan of salvation of YHVH for all mankind, to us. We keep the Feast days yearly to rehearse the plan of YHVH, so that we as first fruits will be able to teach His plan of salvation and other teachings to our siblings during the millennium rule of the Messiah from Jerusalem.

Yahshua did not come to abolish the law and said so in Matt 5: 17: ***"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill."*** 18 ***"For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished."***

Yahshua is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, according to Heb.13: 8. He did not change His mind after His impalement. He laid down his life for His people and became a sacrifice for our past lawlessness. That was the only part of the law that He effectively fulfilled, doing away with the requirement to sacrifice the blood of animals every time we transgress the law. The law of clean and unclean food given in Leviticus 11 is still in effect. The law prohibiting incest is still intact. The law of not eating fat or blood is still applicable. All the sexual laws are still in force.

Yahshua is the embodiment of the law; He is the word of Elohim. So why will He want to do away with Himself. Why will the one who gave us the law for our own good, want to destroy it. He created the law of gravity and that is still in force (see Hebrews 1: 3). Paul said that the commandments are just, good and perfect. In his writings we see that the law is Spiritual and can therefore not be destroyed. According to the scriptures discussed below Yahshua came to establish a new priesthood.

In Hebrew 8: 3 we see: ***'For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.'*** In Hebrews 9: 22 – 28 we read: ***'And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.'*** ***'Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Messiah did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim for us; nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with the blood not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Messiah also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall***

appear a second time for the salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.'

In Hebrews 10: 4 – 7 we read (a direct quote from Psalm 40: 6 – 8): ***'For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERINGS THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME; IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE. Then I said, 'Behold I have come to do Thy will o Elohim.'" Dropping down to verse 9 we read: 'Then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Thy will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.'*** This is talking about the priesthood. Yahshua has done away with the Levitical Priesthood, with its requirement to shed the blood of animals for the forgiveness of sin, to establish the Melchizedekian Priesthood.

In Hebrews 7: 11 – 18 we read: ***'Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood, what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Master was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirements of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of Him, "THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."***

When YHVH gave the Law to our forefathers, through Moses, all He wanted from them was obedience. This we read In Jeremiah 7: 22 as follows: ***"For I did not speak to your fathers or command them in the day that I brought them out of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them saying 'Obey My voice and I will be your Elohim, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the ways which I***

command you, that it may be well with you.” A second witness to this in Hosea 6: 6 reads as follows: **“For I delight in kindness and not in slaughtering, and in the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings.”** YHVH wants us to know and obey Him rather than bring Him Sacrifices and burnt offerings. In Galatians 3: 19 we read: **“Why then the Law? (This is talking about the Sacrificial Law). It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made.”** We know that this seed is Yahshua. When Yahshua became the sacrifice, He introduced the new Priesthood, effectively doing away with the sacrificial requirements of the Law in respect of sin. However, from Scriptures it is also clear that even though YHVH does not require sin offerings any longer, righteous sacrifices will again be offered in the future, during the millennium and possibly on into eternity. We read in Psalm 51: 16 - 19 **“For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offerings. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O Elohim, Thou wilt not despise. By Thy favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.”** So we are only really talking here about the sacrificial system, as it applied to sin. Righteous sacrifices will still have its place in the world tomorrow.

Before Yahshua all men were shut up under sin – being indebted to the law. But now that Yahshua came, the promise by faith in Him is given to those who believe in Him. He has become the Sacrifice required by the law to pay for our indebtedness for breaking the law. In Col 2: 14 we read and I paraphrase: **“having nailed the indebtedness of the law to the tree.”** This does not say Yahshua nailed the law to the tree, but he nailed our certificate of debt for breaking the Law to the tree. Meaning He has redeemed us from having to die the second death for our own sins.

The New Covenant is therefore indeed better than the Old Covenant, with its sacrificial system. The New Covenant contains all the original laws, except for the fact that Yahshua’s blood was

sacrificed once for all, and there is no more need to sacrifice the blood of animals every time we sin. In Revelation we see that if we want to be part of the ones that will rule with Yahshua during His millennial rule and on into eternity, we are still required to keep the commandments and to believe in the Testimony of Yahshua. This tells me that if we want to be part of the people of YHVH, we better keep His commandments. They are not suggestions, so that we may only use them as guidelines. If we want to be in the Kingdom of Elohim, we had better enjoy keeping the commandments, for it isn't burdensome.

The Torah is our manual – it tells us how to live in relationship to YHVH, to ourselves and toward one another. It is similar to any new appliance or motor vehicle that we buy. It comes with an operating manual. If you want to ensure that the vehicle or appliance last as long as possible and that, if it breaks the manufacturer will honor the guarantee, it pays you to read the Manufacturer's manual and to use the appliance or vehicle, accordingly. If the Manufacturer instructs you to use only un-leaded fuel in the vehicle, I am positive that you will not put Diesel in the fuel tank. In Leviticus 11 our Maker/Manufacturer YHVH our Elohim tells us what fuel to put in our stomachs. It is for us to decide if we want to believe our Maker. If we do not believe Him, why call ourselves after HIS Name.

If we are followers of Messiah Yahshua, then we will believe in Him and believe in what He taught. Yahshua has never taught or abolished any laws, except for fulfilling the requirements of the sacrificial laws. Even in the very last book of Revelation 22: 13 and 14, Yahshua said: ***"I am the Alpha (Aleph) and the Omega (Tav), the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last" "Blessed are those doing HIS commands so that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates of the City"*** - the new Jerusalem. (Verse 14 of Rev 22 was quoted, as it is here given by Tertulian (CE 208) and by Cyprian (CE 251) two well-known Ante Nicene Fathers). Whoever eats of the tree of life will have everlasting life. To be able to partake of the tree of life, we will have to wear clean garments, by keeping the Commandments of YHVH and believe in the Testimony of Yahshua. The choice is ours.

How do we show YHVH our Elohim that we love Him? How does a child show his parent that he loves his/her parent? A child shows his/her love to her/his parents by obeying his/her parent's teachings. The problem with Christianity is that they see Torah as strict laws that apply to Jews only. Torah should simply be seen as the teachings of YHVH our Elohim.

In 1 John 5:3 we read "***For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome.***" So we see that we show YHVH that we love Him by doing what pleases Him, His teaching – His Torah. Yes, Israel is His chosen people, but in Isaiah 56: 6 & 7 we see "***Also the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH, To minister to HIM, and to love the Name of YHVH, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant; Even those I will bring to My Set-apart mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.***"

So it is clear that the Torah is not for Jewish people only. The Set-apart (Feast) Days are not Jewish Holy Days - they are the Set-apart days of YHVH and not meant only for Jews. Read Leviticus 23 for yourself and you will find the YHVH said that the Sabbath and those FEAST days are HIS. They, like all the other laws, are not suggestions, they are commanded assemblies. We are required to keep them. Similarly, with the law of clean food in Leviticus 11. It is written: "***Be Holy for I am Holy***" it is a COMMAND, if you want to be Holy as YHVH is Holy, then you will avoid unclean foods. This verse is written in the book of Peter and this is a direct quote from Leviticus 11, where the clean and unclean meats are discussed. However, the choice is completely ours.

YHVH says and I paraphrase "***Keep my commandments and live***". The commandments are for our own good. In the book of James (Ya'aqob) we read that we show our faith by our DEEDS. A second witness to this is found in Romans 2: 13: "***for not the hearers of the Law are just before Elohim, but the DOERS of the Law will be justified.***"

There is therefore no more excuse. The teachings of YHVH are as applicable today as it was yesterday and will be forever. These same laws will be applicable during the millennial Kingdom and on into eternity.

Chapter 11: When do we keep the Passover?

YHVH displayed his power to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt through a series of plagues. After nine plagues YHVH gave Israel special instructions through Moses about the final plague. The children of Israel had to follow a series of steps to the letter to escape this final plague (Exodus 12). On the 10th day of the first month, each head of family had to select a lamb or goat large enough to feed his family. The lamb was to be a male lamb a year old, without any blemish or defect. This lamb had to be kept until the fourteenth day of the same month at which time it was to be killed at twilight (In Exodus 12: 6). In verse 5 of Leviticus 23, YHVH says: ***"In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is Elohim's Passover."***

When is twilight? Twilight is the word used in the New American Standard BIBLE for a period of time during any day. In The Scriptures the words used in place of twilight in both the quoted verses above are: between the evenings. When is the time between the evenings or as we know it twilight time? There are some groups that say that between the evenings, means the time between the evening of the fourteenth and the evening of the fifteenth round about three o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth, when Yahshua died on the tree. I must admit that, that sounds indeed feasible. However, we must be careful when interpreting scriptures as it is stated in 2 Peter 1: 20 ***"But know this first of all, that no prophesy of scriptures is a matter of one's own interpretation."*** We should let scripture interpret scripture.

To answer this question, we must first determine how scripture defines a day. In Genesis 1: 5 we read: ***"And Elohim called the light 'day' and the darkness He called 'night'. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the first day."*** So we see that a day consists of an evening and a morning like the very first day that YHVH Elohim created. The fourteenth day of the first month will therefore commence after sunset on the thirteenth day of the month. We see a perfect example of this in Leviticus 23: 26, 27 and 32: ***"And YHVH spoke to Moshe, saying, 'On the tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It***

shall be a set-apart gathering for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to YHVH”. “***It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath.***” From this it is clear that the Day of Atonement, which is to be observed on the tenth day of the first month, commences at the end of the ninth day in the evening.

Next let us determine the meaning of twilight from scriptures. In Exodus 30: 7 we read:” ***And Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense, morning by morning. As he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.***” And in verse 8:”***And when Aaron lights the lamps between the two evenings, he shall burn incense on it - continual incense before YHVH throughout your generations.***” Verse 7 is talking about Aaron burning incense (early) in the morning and verse 8 about him burning incense (early) in the evening before YHVH continually. Today this can be likened unto us praying to YHVH early in the morning and again early in the evening. We can deduce from this that between the two evenings means early in the evening. Continuing in Exodus 16: 11 & 12 we read: ***And YHVH spoke to Moses saying. “I have heard the grumbings of the children of Yisra’el. Speak to them, saying, ‘Between the evenings you are to eat meat, and in the morning you are to be satisfied with bread, And you shall know that I am YHVH your Elohim.’”*** In verse 13 we see that at evening the quails came: ***“And it came to be that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.”*** And in verse 14 & 15 we see that the Israelites received bread in the morning as YHVH said: ***“And the layer of dew went up, and see, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. And the children of Yisra’el saw, and they said to each other, “What is it?” For, they did not know what it was. And Moshe said to them, ‘It is the bread which YHVH has given you to eat.’”*** We see that the quails came in at early evening and covered the camp. The Israelites cleaned and roasted the quails and ate them between the evenings at dusk and they ate bread in the morning. It is thus clear that twilight time or between the evenings, is, as we would say, at dusk.

The Passover lambs were killed after sunset on the thirteenth at the commencement of the fourteenth day, at dusk, in the house in which they were to eat it. The Israelites had to eat the lambs the same night, roasted with fire, and they had to eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The lambs had to be eaten in haste, whilst the partakers had their loins girded, with sandals on their feet and with staff in hand. YHVH told the Israelites that this night He would kill all the firstborn of Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go from slavery. The firstborn of Israel would be protected if the sign of the blood were seen on their houses. YHVH said that the Passover should be a memorial, which they shall keep as a feast to HIM throughout their generations.

What time of day did the Israelites come out of Egypt? In Deuteronomy 16: 1 we read "**Observe the month of Aviv, and keep the Passover to Yahweh your Elohim, for in the month of Aviv Yahweh your Elohim brought you out of Egypt BY NIGHT.**"

This is confirmed in Numbers 33: 3 where it reads: "**They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians.**"

So, IF the Israelites would have had Passover during the night of the fifteenth and they left by night on the fifteenth, then they were not following one of the life-or-death instructions for Passover - See Exodus 12: the latter part of verse 22 which reads "**and none of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning.**" The only way that this could be true is if they had Passover on the fourteenth just after the day began at evening.

It is the same in the renewed covenant. In 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 we read: "**For I received from the Master that which I also delivered to you: that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was delivered up took bread, and having given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the renewed covenant in**

My blood, As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Master until He comes."

Notice that we show His death until He comes, by partaking of the 'new' ceremony that Yahshua instituted during the night in which He was betrayed. We no longer slaughter a lamb. Yahshua is the Passover lamb of the renewed covenant. Just like Israel was delivered from Egypt – the evil world of their time, we come out of our evil sinful world through our Passover lamb Yahshua the Messiah.

By partaking of the Passover, we show that we accept the shed blood of our Savior for our sins. We use the symbols instituted by Yahshua: eating unleavened bread representing His broken body and drinking the fruit of the vine, as the symbol of His shed blood. We act out our love for Yahshua and humility among our brethren, by a foot washing ceremony as instructed by our Redeemer and Savior. By His shed blood Yahshua reconciled us to the Father, making it possible for us to have direct access to the very throne of YHVH. We believe that repentance, immersion in the Name of Yahshua and accepting the sacrifice of YHVH as Yahshua the Messiah, constitutes a covenant with YHVH. The terms of this covenant is sealed with the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah (Hebrews 9: 11 - 12 & 15). The covenant is renewed every year when we partake of the Passover. In John 6: 48 – 51 Yahshua said: ***"Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread, which comes down from heaven that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread, which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."*** By partaking of the Passover annually we are reminded of this covenant and rededicate our lives to Yahshua the Messiah and His Father. It is a memorial throughout our generations.

This answers the question when twilight is, asked at the beginning. It can therefore be affirmed that we partake of the Passover once a year on the fourteenth day of the first month at dusk in

remembrance of Yahshua, proclaiming His death until He comes.
HalleluYah!

Confirmation by Yahshua when He kept the Passover:

Now that we have established the time of the day in which we keep the Passover, Let us consider when Yahshua kept the Passover. From Scriptures we know that He indeed kept the Passover, as he instructed his disciples to go to a certain man's house to tell him that they will keep the Passover in his house. We see this in Mark 14: 14. There are some people who insist that Yahshua did not partake of the Passover prior to His Impalement. Brethren, if Yahshua did not partake of the Passover prior to His death, he would have broken the commandment, and as a result would not have been a perfect Passover lamb. The Passover was part of the Sacrificial Laws, which Yahshua came to fulfill. Once Yahshua became the sacrificial law – the lamb of Elohim who takes away the sins of the world, there is no longer a need for the type.

However, He instituted new symbols on the night during which He was betrayed, for us to remember His death by, until He returns. We no longer slaughter a lamb, but we partake of the new symbols and we do so on the night before the day of preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We know from Scriptures that Yahshua kept the Passover, with the symbols that He changed, the night before the day of preparation for the first Day of Unleavened Bread. The Jews of today, like in Yahshua's day, still keep what they call the Passover on the evening of the first Day of Unleavened Bread. However, Yahshua kept the Passover like the Israelites did on the evening of the 14th Day of Aviv (which starts as the 13th ends) and changed the symbols for us to remember His death for the sins of the world by, during the night, which He was betrayed. If we want to determine from this calendar when to keep the Passover memorial, we move back a whole day – the day of preparation for Unleavened Bread.

We know that Yahshua kept the Passover memorial, the evening before the day of preparation, so we follow Him in that we will also keep the Passover memorial, with the new symbols. The next day we will finally rid our homes of all the leaven (a picture of sin), to prepare for the Feast of Unleavened Bread which last seven full

days – this is in agreement what Yahshua did for us on this day, by dying on the tree, thus redeeming us from our indebtedness through sins. The number seven in Hebrew means complete, and therefore we keep this feast for seven full days to picture us getting rid of our sins completely, with the help of our Savior. The full seven days occur after Yahshua, has removed our sins, by His death on the tree.

Who do we follow to make sure that we keep the Feast days at the correct time?

In Romans 3 verse 1 Paul asks: ***“Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?”*** Paul answers these questions in verse 2 as follows: ***“Great in every respect. First of all that they were entrusted with the Oracles of Elohim.”*** Oracles mean the rules or Halacha. The Scriptures calls it ***“the Words of Elohim”*** and the Jerusalem Bible calls it ***“God’s messages”***. Who are the Jews that Romans 3 is talking about? The Karaite Jews in their web site admit that they were the original Sadducees. Do they have the Halacha or rules that we need to follow? I do not believe so. We know a number of groups are following the karaites way of determining the calendar today. We also know that they follow the Crescent Moon to determine the timing of the Set-apart Days. However, were they entrusted with the Oracles of Elohim? Not according to Yahshua in Matthew 23: 1 - 3 where we read: ***“Then Yahshua spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying, ‘The Scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.’”*** So here we see that we must observe what the Rabbinical Jews tell us, but not to follow their deeds.

We know that the Rabbinical Jews of today are the same as the Pharisees in our Messiah’s day. This scripture says we must observe what they tell us, but not necessarily follow their deeds, as they do not do what they teach. If we look at the life of Yahshua, we must concede that He followed the Pharisees in keeping the Set-apart Days. Most of the Set-apart Days that He kept coincided with that of the Jews of His day. I know the Passover was an exception.

However the original Passover occurred on the evening of the 14th of Aviv exactly like the Passover Yahshua kept, before the Days of Unleavened Bread. We know the Rabbinical Jews use a calculated calendar and postponements. The reason for these postponements are that the Day of Atonement cannot be before or after a Sabbath as it, as well as a normal Sabbath needs a Day of preparation, prior to it. If you have the Day of Atonement, followed by a Sabbath, what do you eat on the Sabbath, without preparing food?

In Nahum 1: 15 we read YHVH saying: "***Celebrate your feasts, O Judah.***" This indicates that YHVH is pleased with the time of the Feast Days that Judah keeps. We must remember that YHVH is not an Elohim of confusion and during the last few years we have seen much confusion regarding the calendar. The question is: Should every person be allowed to decide on his own calendar? As you have seen, this year, there are some fellowships in the USA, where they look for the moon in their own back yard. Once they see the moon locally, they decide, that that is the New Year. However, I believe that, **if** we are going to watch for the New Moon to determine the time of the New Year and the Set-apart Days of YHVH, then at least it should be a New Year only when the new moon is seen after the Barley is in Aviv in Jerusalem?

However, according to scriptures we must follow the Rabbinical Jews and not the Karaites or Sadducees. We therefore do not watch the moon to determine the timing of the Set-apart Days. We are also not supposed to follow our own understanding of scriptures in this regard, as scriptures warns against this very thing, which became the in thing during these last days. It also warns that we should not follow one another or other believers or leaders in determining our own calendars.

We read this warning in Jeremiah 23 verses 30 – 36 as follows: "***Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,***" declares YHVH, "***who steals My words from each other. "Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams," declares YHVH, "and related them, and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit," declares YHVH. "Now when this people or the***

prophet or a priest asks you saying, 'What is the oracle of YHVH?' then you shall say to them, 'What oracle?' YHVH declares, 'I shall abandon you.' Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, 'The oracle of YHVH,' I shall bring punishment upon that man and his household. "Thus shall each of you say to his neighbor and to his brother, 'What has YHVH answered?' or, 'What has YHVH spoken?' "For you will no longer remember the oracle of YHVH because every man's own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living Elohim, YHVH of hosts, our Elohim." YHVH tells us that we will forget the Oracles because every man's own word will become the oracle and that we have perverted the word of the living Elohim. Has this not happened in our day?

On the lighter side, herewith a story e-mailed to me by a dear Jewish Rabbi, in italics, in answer to a question to him - *Once, there was a dispute in a kingdom as to whether the traditional Jews or the Karaites should be the true representatives of the Jewish people. The king called a representative from the Karaites and a representative from the Jews. Before going in to speak with the king, the Jew took off his shoes and carried them into the king. The king was bewildered and asked the Jew why he exhibited such strange behavior of carrying his shoes. The Jew answered: "When Moshe Rabeinu (our teacher) went up to receive the Torah at Mt. Sinai, he left his shoes at the base of the mountain. When Moshe returned, his shoes were gone; for they had been stolen by a Karaite!" At that moment, the Karaite spoke up and said: "That's impossible; there were no Karaites at Mt. Sinai."* Needless to say, the discussion was over and the king chose the traditional Jew as the representative of the Jews (As heard from Eliezer Zuckerbraun).

A final proof that the Rabbinical Jews are keeping the correct Set-apart Days of YHVH, can be read in this prophesy about our Messiah Yahshua's return in Zechariah 12: 10 -14 ***"And I shall pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of favor and prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. And they shall be in bitterness over Him as a bitterness over the first-born. In that day the mourning in Jerusalem is going to be great, like the mourning***

at Hadad Rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every clan by itself: the clan of the house of David by itself, and their woman by themselves; the clan of the house of Levi by itself, and their woman by themselves; all the rest of the clans, every clan by itself, and their woman by themselves.”

Brethren we know that Yahshua will one day return on the Day of Yom Teruah. This is clearly a prophesy of His return on that day and we find that our Jewish brothers are in Synagogue on that day keeping Rosh Hashanah, which we call Yom Teruah.

Brethren if we are going to make our Jewish brothers Jealous, we will have to make sure that we keep the correct Feast Days; else they will say to themselves that we might keep feast days, but they are not the Feast Days with which YHVH our Elohim is pleased. So how will they become jealous of what we do? We may twist and turn as we like, but we will have to accept that the Rabbinical Jews have the Oracles of Elohim, and if we want to please our Father YHVH our Elohim, we will have to go back to what most of us used to do – follow the Rabbinical Jewish calendar, to keep what the Pharisees tell us to do and observe.

Chapter 12: The Genius of the Hebrew Calendar.

There is a great deal of confusion in the Nazarene/Messianic community regarding which calendar to follow. The Karaite Jews determine the timing of the Set-apart Days according to the visible crescent moon, as seen in Jerusalem. In their official web page the Karaite Jews admit that they were the original Sadducees. A number of other congregations keep the Feasts according to a calendar based on when the first crescent moon becomes visible in their respective areas. Then there are groups who insist that the new moon is in fact a dark moon, known as conjunction. Their feast days are a day or two earlier than that of the Karaite Jews. Then of course there is the Hebrew calendar, which the Rabbinical Jews of today keep. All of this resulted in quite a bit of confusion, in the recent past, as it became difficult to predict the exact day of for example the Day of Trumpets. In addition it became problematic for those of us who have to plan our leave a couple of months in advance.

YHVH is not the author of confusion. In 1 Corinthians 14: 33 we read: ***“for Elohim is not an Elohim of confusion but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints.”*** If each one of us seeks to determine our own calendar, we will celebrate the festivals on a variety of days – as is happening in the different groups today. Which could as I said earlier, lead to quite a bit of confusion and division amongst the Israel of Elohim. These calendar problems pose the following questions: Does YHVH expects each one of us to become an expert at calculating the calendar? And is it possible for us to understand the calendar?

To answer these two questions, we as typical Israelites, need to ask and answer a few more questions:

1. Which calendar did Yahshua follow?
2. Which calendar did Yahshua say that we should follow?
3. Who did YHVH entrust with authority to make calendar decisions? And
4. Which calendar did Paul and the other Apostles follow?

Let us continue by answering the first question:

Which calendar did Yahshua follow?

According to the four gospels, we see that Yahshua attended all the Feast days that the Jews of His day kept. John 7 – 13 recounts the events of the Fall Festival period proceeding Yahshua's final days. In fact in John 7 verse 37 we read about Yahshua keeping the Last Great Day as follows: ***"Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried out, saying: 'If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures said, "From His innermost being shall flow rivers of living waters."'"***

Reading from John 6 - 13 we see that this is a continuous account of the last year of Yahshua's life on earth.

Now let us answer question two:

Which calendar did Yahshua say we should use?

In Matthew 23: 1- 3 we read; ***Then Yahshua spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them."***

In John 4: 22 Yahshua said to the woman at the well: ***"You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for Salvation is from the Jews."*** Yes, Yahshua meant that He being a Jew is the Salvation of Yah – our Savior. However, He meant much more than that.

Paul explained what Yahshua meant, in addition to being our Savior in Romans 9:1 - 5 saying: ***"I am telling the truth in Messiah, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Ruach HaKodesh, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Messiah for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh (meaning his fellow Jews), who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple (or***

worship) services and the promises, whose are the fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), and from whom the Messiah is according to the flesh, who is over all, Elohim blessed forever. Amen.”

This confirms that:

1. Both Yahshua and Paul were Jews;
2. Yahshua is Elohim; and
3. The glory of the covenants, the giving of the Law and the worship service, i.e. the timing of worship services, are to be left to the Rabbinical Jews to determine.

Point three above also answers our third question, namely:

Who did YHVH entrust with authority to make calendar decisions?

A second witness to this can be found in Romans 3: 1 & 2 which reads as follows: **“Then what advantage has the Jews? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect, First of all, they were entrusted with the Oracles (words or standards) of Elohim.”** YHVH also confirms this in last part of Psalm 60:7, saying: **“Judah is My lawgiver.”**

In Psalm 147: 19 & 20 we read **“He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise YHVH!”** This is talking about the Israel that King David ruled. Yes it included both houses of Israel, but remember that Ephraim were taken captive around 721 BCE and became the lost tribes of Israel, due to them forgetting about the Sabbaths of YHVH as well as most of the other commandments applicable to Israel.

In Genesis 49: 10 we read: **“The scepter shall not depart that from Judah (as far as religious matters are concerned), Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Yahshua comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the people.** Whilst Yahshua’s first advent was to bring Salvation to all mankind and to die, to be able to remarry His bride, United Israel, His second advent is to come

and rule the world from Jerusalem, when all people will obey Him. We know that Yahshua corrected the occurrence of the Passover, his reason for the 1st advent, to die as our Passover lamb, when He kept the Passover a whole 24 hours before the Jews of His day did – i.e. at sunset on the 13th of Aviv, as the new day of the 14th of Aviv commenced. That was the only adjustment that He made to the annual Set-apart Day cycle at that time – He kept the other Set-apart days with His people. He will if necessary also correct any other problems regarding the Hebrew calendar, when He returns to rule. In fact our Jewish brothers believe that Shiloh will fix any problems with the current calendar, when He comes.

That leaves us with the final question, i.e.

Which calendar did Paul and the other Apostles follow?

Did Paul keep different Set-apart days to the other Jews of his day? I do not think so. In Acts 27 in verse 9 we read that Paul fasted as required by the Law (Torah). In my Scriptures – the New American Standard Bible a side note to verse 9 reads: Leviticus 16: 29 – 31, i.e. Day of Atonement in September or October. In Philipians 3: 5 Paul confirmed that he was Jewish and followed the Pharisee way of life, saying: ***“Circumcised the eight day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law a Pharisee.”***

Traditions:

In 1 Corinthians 11: 1 & 2, Paul admonished the people of Corinth as follows: ***“Become imitators of me, as I also am of Messiah. And I praise you brothers, that you remember me in every way and keep the traditions as I delivered them to you.”***

Paul also taught Timothy to follow in the things which he (Paul) taught him to follow, in 2 Timothy 3: 14 as follows: ***“You however continue in the things that you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them”*** In 1 Timothy 6: 14 – 16 we further read: ***“That you keep the commandments without stain or reproach, until the appearing of our Master Yahshua Messiah, which He will bring about at***

the proper time – He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of Kings and Master of Masters; who alone possesses immortality and dwells in the unapproachable light; “

What about the other Apostles? In Acts 2 verse 1 we see that on the day of Pentecost, Jews from almost all over the world came together. We know that if the decision regarding the 13th month were made a few weeks before Passover, the Jews from all over the then known world, would not have known to come to Jerusalem for Pentecost, or for that matter when to celebrate Passover in their own area? Remember these people did not have e-mail or web pages or telephones to contact one another like we do today. There must have been an established pattern, which they followed, or there would have been confusion amongst Jews who lived in the Diaspora (outside Israel).

We know that the Jews of those days achieved agreement, as they followed the calculated Hebrew calendar, still in use by the Rabbinical Jews of today. In Romans 3: 2 we saw that they have the oracles (the words or standards) of Elohim. Do we follow those oracles or standards of YHVH our Elohim, or do we listen to the appointed leader of our particular group.

Scriptures warn us to be careful whom we listen to regarding the standards or oracles of YHVH. In Mark 4: 24 and 25 Yahshua was saying to them ***“Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it shall be measured to you, and more shall be given you besides. For whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”***

In Isaiah 47: 13 we read: ***“You are exhausted by your many counsels: let the astrologers, the stargazers, and those who prognosticate by the new moons stand up and save you from what is coming upon you.”*** In Malachi 2:1 – 8 we read: ***“And now, O Priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not take it to heart, to give esteem to My Name, said YHVH of hosts, “I shall send a curse upon you, and I shall curse your blessings, And indeed, I have cursed them,***

because you do not take it to heart. See, I shall rebuke your seed, and scatter dung before your faces, the dung of your festivals. And you shall be taken away with it. And you shall know that I have sent this covenant to you as being My covenant with Levi, said YHVH of Hosts. My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him, to fear. And he feared Me, and stood in awe of My Name. The Torah of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and straightness, and turned many away from crookedness. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and they seek the Torah from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the covenant of Levi, said YHVH of Hosts. But you, you have turned from the way, you have caused many to stumble in the Torah. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi said YHVH of Hosts.

Both Isaiah 52: 7 and Nahum 1: 15 tell us, ***“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news (the Gospel) announcing peace, proclaiming news of salvation.”***

What is that “peace”? In Hebrew “Shalom” does not just mean peace with Yahweh. It also includes the idea of national unity, again, the reunification of both houses of Israel. Nahum 1: 15 also adds, ***“O Judah, preserve the feasts!”*** Only this way could the Gospel retain its proper focus. So it is tied closely to Yahweh’s appointed times (Leviticus 23) , for they teach us a multitude of details about what Yahshua came (and will come again) to accomplish.

In Romans 10: 15 the same verse from Isaiah 52 is quoted, stating that they (the Jews) did not heed the Good News and in verse 19 we read a statement by Moses quoted from Deuteronomy 32: 21 ***“I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation....”*** This tells us that we, who are not an identifiable nation - the lost tribes, should make our Jewish brothers jealous. How, else will we make them jealous, but by keeping our Father’s Set-apart days, as they do.

A final proof that the Rabbinical Jews are keeping the correct Set-apart Days of YHVH, can be read in the prophecy of our Messiah Yahshua’s return in Zechariah 12: 10 -14 ***“And I shall pour on the***

house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of favor and prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. And they shall be in bitterness over Him as a bitterness over the first-born. In that day the mourning in Jerusalem is going to be great, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every clan by itself: the clan of the house of David by itself, and their woman by themselves; the clan of the house of Levi by itself, and their woman by themselves; all the rest of the clans, every clan by itself, and their woman by themselves.”

Brethren we know that Yahshua will one day return on the Day of Yom Teruah. More details about this is discussed under the heading Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah, later in this article. This is clearly a prophesy of His return on that day and we find that our Jewish brothers are in Synagogue on that day keeping Rosh Hashanah, which we call Yom Teruah.

More Warnings:

There is another warning not to follow false prophets/leaders in keeping the oracles of Elohim, in Jeremiah 23: 32 – 36. It reads as follows: ***“Behold I am against those who have prophesied false dreams.” declares YHVH “and related them, and led my people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit.” Declares YHVH: “Now when this people or a prophet or a priest asks you saying, ‘what is the oracle (or burden/ standard) of YHVH?’ Then you shall say to them, “What Oracle?” YHVH declares ‘I shall abandon you.’ “Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, The ‘Oracle of YHVH.’ I shall bring punishment upon that man and his household. “Thus shall each of you say to his neighbour and to his brother, ‘what has YHVH answered?’ or ‘what has YHVH spoken?’ “For you will no longer remember the oracle of YHVH, because every man’s own word will become the oracle and you have perverted the oracles of the living Elohim, YHVH of host our Elohim.”*** Here we are told that we will forget the oracles of YHVH, because every man’s own word will become the

oracle and as a result we have perverted the word of the living Elohim. I believe that this has in fact happened in our day? In addition in Zechariah 8: 23 we read: ***“Thus says YHVH of hosts, ‘In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you.””*** The question is: Why will ten men want to go with a Jew ‘in those days’?

From this it is becoming clear to me, that we should follow the oracles or standards preserved for us by the Jews, when it comes to observing the Set-apart days of YHVH and not those of the leaders in Israel. This is confirmed in Ezekiel 13: 2 – 4 and 9 as follows: ***“Son of man prophesy against the prophet of Israel who prophesy; and say to those who prophesy from their own inspiration ‘Listen to the word of YHVH’ Thus says YHVH “Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing. O Israel your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.” “So My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of my people (the council who decides about the Set-apart Days of YHVH), nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am YHVH Elohim.”***

These are indeed serious warnings and will have dire consequences for us if we do not mend our ways. We know that the original covenant, as opposed to the renewed/ new covenant, was written so that we may learn from the mistakes of our forefathers. In the history of Israel we see similar consequences occurring to the children of Israel as a result of a single mistake by Aaron. When he in Exodus 32: 5 built an altar and said to the Israelites ***“Tomorrow shall be a feast to YHVH.”*** We see here that the Israelites followed Aaron and in the end the Levites killed about three thousand men in accordance to Moses instruction. This is a warning that we as Ephraim do not have the right to proclaim a feast to YHVH our Elohim.

Which Feast Days Do We Keep?

We a small group of Nazarene Israelites, in Port Elizabeth, South Africa follow the Pharisees or the Rabbinical Jews of our day and not the Sadducees (or Karaite Jews) or other men as Paul warned Timothy against in 2 Timothy 3: 13 ***“But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”*** The Feast Days of YHVH points us to Yahshua. He is the main theme of the feast days which tells us about the Father’s Plan of Salvation for all Mankind. We may conclude that the Feast Days of YHVH tell us about Yahshua the Salvation of YHVH. The Feast days may be compared to the 7 branch menorah, which sheds light on the Torah. Yahshua being the centre to the Feast Days of YHVH is also the centre pillar of the 7 branch menorah. The Feast Days of YHVH are given in Leviticus 23, Numbers 28 - 29, and Deut.16 and are for all Israel. Below is a list of the Feast Days of YHVH together with a short description, giving the meaning of these days, to the people of YHVH.

Passover:

We observe the Passover at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month of the year as commanded in Leviticus 23: 5 ***“In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is Elohim’s Passover.”*** As already explained Yahshua kept the Passover 24 hours prior to the time that the Jews of His day and the Jews of today are doing. We read about this in 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 ***“For I received from the Master that which I also delivered to you: that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was delivered up took bread, and having given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood, As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Master until He comes.”***

We keep the Passover as a memorial to Yahshua’s death, one of the traditions in which we follow Rav Shaul, as He followed Messiah – see 1 Corinthians 11: 1, 2 & 23. This occurs at sunset on the 13th of Aviv as the 14th of Aviv begins. In Genesis 1: 5 we see a day

begins in the evening. We also know the Sabbath starts as the sun goes down on the 6th day of the week (known as Friday in the western world). The Day of Atonement is observed on the 10th Day of the month of Tishri – we start observing it by fasting from the evening of the 9th to the evening of the 10th of Tishri. The Passover points toward Yahshua's sacrifice to pay the death penalty that we have incurred by our law-breaking (1 Corinthians. 5: 7 - 8). By His shed blood Yahshua reconciled us to the Father, making it possible for us to have direct access to the throne of YHVH. We believe that repentance, immersion in the Name of Yahshua and accepting the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah, constitutes a covenant with YHVH. The terms of which is sealed with the shed blood of Messiah Yahshua (Hebrews 9: 11 - 12 & 15) and is renewed yearly when we partake of the Passover.

Days of Unleavened Bread:

YHVH instructed the Israelites concerning this festival as they prepared to leave Egypt. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread made without yeast. Remove all the leavening agents from your house from the first day and eat no leavened products during the next seven days. On the first day you shall hold a Set-apart convocation and also on the seventh day. Do not work on these two Set-apart days, except to prepare food to eat (Exodus 12: 14 - 16).

The Israelites coming out of Egypt foreshadows us coming out of a life of habitual willful sin. Partaking of unleavened bread for seven days in our case means coming out of sin completely – seven meaning complete. We gladly get rid of the leaven in our houses for seven days to remind us of cleansing ourselves of false doctrine, which leads to sin. Observing the days of unleavened bread helps us realize our need for Yahshua in overcoming our sins. Yahshua the lamb of Elohim was sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins, thus de-leavening, or cleaning our lives. Yahshua helps us live Torah obedient lives, through the Set-apart Spirit dwelling in us after our repentance and immersion into His saving name. This brings us to the next feast in the plan of salvation of YHVH our Elohim.

Pentecost or the Feast of weeks:

The Feast of Weeks is counted from the day after the annual Sabbath or as it is written in the JPS Jewish Bible published in 1917, in Leviticus 23: 15 – Start counting from the morrow after the first day of rest (which is the day after the 1st day of Unleavened Bread), from the day you brought the sheaf of waving, i.e. the day after the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread. Seven complete weeks are counted; even unto the morrow after the seventh week shall you number fifty days. This is confirmed by comparing Deuteronomy 16: 9 with Joshua 5: 10 & 11, and in the book of Jashar Chapter 82: 6 where we read: **“And in the third month from the children of Yisrael’s departure from Mitzrayim, on the sixth day of it, YHVH gave to Yisrael the ten mitzvoth on Mount Sinai.”** Pentecost always falls on the sixth day of the third month – according to the Hebrew calendar.

Pentecost is the day on which the first Covenant was given to Israel at Mount Sinai, which included the 10 Commandments (Exodus 19 and 20). It is also the day upon which the Holy Spirit was given, as recorded in Acts 2, so that we can keep the Law with a Spiritual intent (Jeremiah 31: 31 - 33). Pentecost also points to the initial harvest of souls, a kind of first fruits unto YHVH. Romans 8: 29 speak of Yahshua Messiah as the ***“firstborn of many brethren”***. We who are called now are also considered to be a type of first fruits. In James 1: 18 we read: ***“Having purposed it, He brought us forth by the Word of truth, for us to be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.”*** When first fruit believers die our spirits goes back to the Father who gave it, during which time our Father perfects it in Heaven. When Yahshua returns He will bring back our perfected spirits and will resurrect our bodies. Our perfected bodies will merge with our perfected spirits from heaven, and we will become kings and priests under Yahshua’s rulership during His Millennial rule.

Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah:

The Feast of Trumpets begins at the new moon on the seventh month and is a Set-apart convocation. It is the day that our Jewish

brothers call the Head of the Year. This is the day where the civil New Year is counted from. The ten days of awe begin at Yom Teruah and end at Yom Kippur. Transliterated Psalm 81: 3 reads as follows: Tiqu va'chodesh shofar ba'kesh le'yom chagenu – Blow the shofar at the moon's renewal; at the time of concealment of our festive day. Yom Teruah is the only Feast Day that falls on a Rosh Kodesh or new moon. The moon is renewed immediately after the shadow of the earth, between the sun and the moon, covers the moon and it commences its move towards renewal. The renewed moon cannot be seen by the 'naked' eye and only becomes visible as a crescent moon one and a half to two day after the concealment. Yes the new moon is in concealment for plus/minus 2 days (See 1 Samuel 20: 5, 27 & 34), and is only 'watched' to determine the date for Trumpets. If Atonement will be on a Friday or a Sunday, Trumpets is moved one day on, ensuring that Atonement is never on a Friday or a Sunday. Concealment takes up to two days, which ensures that even in the event of such a postponement, Trumpets will still occur during concealment of the moon.

We look forward with eager anticipation to the return of Yahshua the Messiah, for he will return at the sound of the last trumpet and the shout of the archangel. The blowing of trumpets was also used to call Israel to assemble together to prepare for a journey or for war. When Yahshua our Messiah returns to the Mount of Olives, the nations of the earth will gather together to fight against Him. Satan has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12: 9) and they will try to destroy the Messiah at His return. Satan will influence the nations to fight against Yahshua Messiah at His return. The feast of Trumpets also signals the resurrection of the dead in Messiah. Paul wrote about this in 1 Corinthians 15: 21 - 23: ***"For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Messiah the first fruits, afterward those who are Messiah's at His coming."*** Yahshua will resurrect the first fruits, those who are called now, to reign with Him for a thousand years. We need to pray that Yahshua will soon return, to this fast deteriorating world, ushering in the Kingdom of YHVH and bringing His perfect government on earth as it is now in heaven.

This is what the feast of Trumpets depicts and what Yahshua taught us to pray for in Matthew 6: 10.

Atonement or Yom Kippur:

Atonement is the fifth annual feast day and is considered the most Set-apart day of all the feast days of YHVH. Atonement points to Yahshua who has made atonement for us. Through Yahshua's death on the tree, we can be reconciled back to our Father YHVH Elohim. We are reminded of our carnality and how we need the atoning sacrifice of Yahshua, when we partake of a fast that commences on the ninth day of the seventh month at sun set and ends the next day at sun set. We do not eat or drink anything during this period of 24 hours. Atonement looks forward to the day when Satan will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit for duration of a thousand years. It also pictures the marriage of the Lamb to His Bride, chosen by His Father, at which time we will become at one (atonement) with Elohim.

Tabernacles or Sukkoth:

Once Satan has been bound hand and foot and thrown into the bottomless pit the thousand-year reign of Yahshua will commence from Jerusalem. During Yahshua's thousand-year rule from Jerusalem, He will restore all things to their former glory. Those of us, who are first fruits and will be part of the first resurrection, will serve under Yahshua as kings and priests, assisting Him in the restoration of all things. With Satan out of the way things will happen much better. Satan will not be able to influence the minds of men to rebel against the laws that will be in force during Yahshua's rule. These laws will be none other than the Torah commands that we are familiar with today. That is why we need to keep the Torah Commands fully in this age, so that we will be able to teach those people living during the millennial rule of Yahshua, to do the right thing. Whereas, the world will be on the brink of total disaster, just prior to Yahshua's return, He will restore all things during His Millennial rule to what it was like in the Garden of Eden, before the fall of man.

Last Great Day:

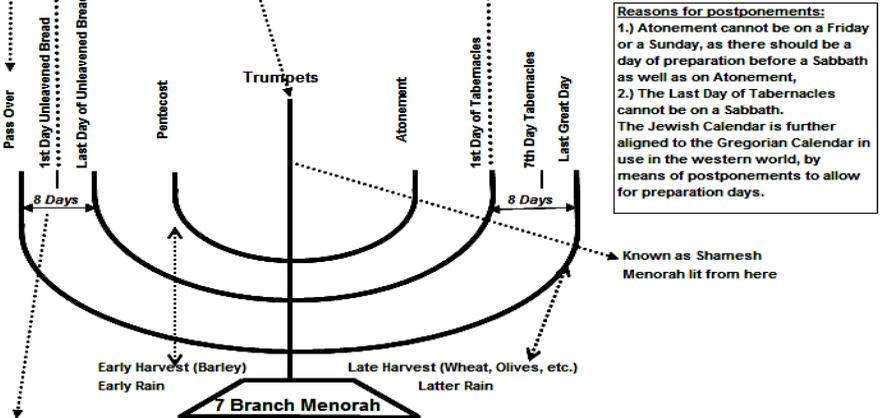
On the "8th day of the Feast," the day following the Feast of Tabernacles, it is the last High day of the year. It symbolizes the Great White Throne Judgment mentioned in Revelation 20. The Final Judgment is also part of the Latter Harvest. Judgment is now (during this age) upon the household of YHVH (1 Peter 4: 17). We who are called at this time are being judged now, but the great multitude not called at this time will be resurrected at the end of the Millennium, during which time they will be given a chance to repent and accept the way of life¹¹ of YHVH our Elohim. However, not all who are resurrected during this time will repent - we know also that they will not burn in hell for ever and ever, but will be burned up once for all and become ashes under the feet of the righteous, as per Malachi 4: 1 - 3. At this point in Time the New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven, from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband and as per Rev 21:3 we read: ***'And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "See the Booth of Elohim is with men and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.'***" IMPOSSIBLE you say? No my fellow believers, this is the same vision that our Father Abraham saw as explained in Hebrews 11: 10: ***"for he was looking for the city having foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim."*** Let us get this same vision in our minds again – it is our only hope of salvation.

A final comment: The New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 has 12 gates – a gate for each tribe to enter through. There are no gates for gentiles. So only Israelites will enter the New Jerusalem – only those that live by the rules that apply to Israel will enter. So why do we who would like to be part of the Kingdom of YHVH in the New Jerusalem, not follow the rules applicable to Israel today. That includes the Feast Days of YHVH as preserved by our Jewish Brothers.

¹¹ Ezekiel 28: 15 Prior to his rebellion, Satan was perfect in all his ways. He rebelled with full knowledge – however man does not have all knowledge – we are human and may misunderstand and could also be partly blinded now.

The Genius of the Hebrew Calendar - Agricultural Based Calendar

Pass Over occurs on 14th Aviv The Year Count is started from Yom Teruah (New Moon)
 177 Days - 1 Tishri - Civil New Year and 1 Aviv - Religious year.



The Israelites left Egypt in the first month - the next day after Pass Over, i.e the evening of the 15th during the full moon. Yahshua is the trunk/middle shaft of the menorah, we are the Branches

19 Year Time Cycle - to reconcile Hebrew Calendar with Calendar in use today.

365,2422 Days times 19 (Solar year) = 6939,6018 Days
 29,530589 x 12 Months x 12(Lunar Year) = 4252,4048 Days
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} The Feast Dates are the same every 19 years.

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 If Passover or the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread will be before 22 march (the equinox), it is moved on, then the previous year becomes a leap year with 13 months.

Traditions: (All Scriptures paraphrased)
 1.) 1 Cor. 11: 1 & 2 Follow me (Paul) as I follow Messiah. Hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.
 2.) 2 Thess. 3:6 Withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions which you received from us.
 3.) 2 Thess. 2: 15 Hold the traditions you were taught.
 4.) Acts 28:17b Practices or traditions of the Fathers.

Oracles: (All Scriptures paraphrased)
 1.) Rom. 3: 1-2 ; Rom. 9:4; and Ps. 147: 19 20. The Oracles were given to the Jews (and the Israel that King David ruled - the lost tribes of Israel have lost their identity, due to non-keeping of Sabbaths).
 2.) Matt. 23: 2-3 Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.
 3.) John 4: 22 Salvation is of the Jews.
 4.) Genesis 49: 10 Rulership will remain with Judah, until Yahshua will come to rule. The 1st advent was to bring Salvation to all mankind and to die - to be able to remarry His bride - United Israel.
 5.) Mal.2: 1-8 Our Priests (Lost tribes of Israel's) have turned from the way and have caused many to stumble in Torah - You have corrupted the Covenant of Levi says YHWH of Hosts.
 6.) Is. 47: 13 You are exhausted by your many counsels - those who predict by the new moon - let them save you.
 7.) Final Proof - Zech. 12:10 -14 Yahshua returns on Yom Teruah and He finds the Jews in the synagogue - men on one side on their own and woman on the other side on their own.
 8.) Both Is. 52:7 and Nahum 1:15 tell us, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news (the Gospel), announcing peace, proclaiming news of salvation."
 What is that "peace"? In Hebrew "Shalom" does not just mean peace with Yahweh. It also includes the idea of national unity (again, the reunification of both houses of Israel). Nahum 1:15 also adds, "O Judah, preserve the feasts!" Only this way could the Gospel retain its proper focus. So it is tied closely to Yahweh's appointed times (Lev. 23), for they teach us a multitude of details about what Yahshua came (and will come again) to accomplish.
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Chapter 13: Were you ever in doubt about what we as Nazarene Jews/Israel believe?

How is it possible that virtually the whole world believes differently to what we Nazarene Jews/Israelites do? We believe that we should keep Torah, the teachings of Elohim and have faith in Yahshua, i.e. believe both in His saving Name and in what He taught whilst He was on earth. We know for a fact that the majority of the Christian world believes that the Law of YHVH our Elohim, was done away with by Yahshua (the one they know as Jesus) and nailed to the tree at Golgotha.

There are numerous scriptures showing that obedience to the Law or teachings of YHVH places us within His protection. One of these are : Deuteronomy 28: 1 – 14 Let us turn there and read as follows: ***“1 And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of YHVH your Elohim, to be careful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, that YHVH your Elohim will set you on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of YHVH your Elohim. 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 YHVH shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be smitten before your face: they shall come against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. 8 YHVH shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses, and in all that you undertake; and He shall bless you in the land that YHVH your Elohim gives you. 9 YHVH shall establish you as a kadosh people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim, and have your walk in His ways. 10 And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of YHVH; and they shall be afraid of you.*”**

11 And YHVH shall make you have plenty in goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which YHVH swore to your fathers to give you. 12 YHVH shall open to you His good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow. 13 And YHVH shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath; if you listen to the commandments of YHVH your Elohim, which I command you this day, to observe and to do them: 14 And you shall not go aside from any of the words that I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other elohim to serve them.”

These are the many blessings as well as protection that we will gain, by keeping the Torah teachings of YHVH. In verses 15 on to the end of Chapter 28, we may read about the curses that will happen to us if we will not obey the commandments of YHVH. Kindly read this for yourself – I can assure you it is very scary and is in fact happening in our world today. See especially verses 58 – 61 **“If you are not careful to observe all the words of this Law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, YHVH your Elohim, then YHVH will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.”**

Another scripture showing that the laws of YHVH are for our protection is in Deuteronomy 8: 11 & 19. **“Beware that you forget not YHVH your Elohim, in not keeping His commandments, and His ordinances and His statutes, which I command you this day. And it shall be, if you do in any manner forget YHVH your Elohim, and have your walk after other elohim, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.”**

From this we understand that keeping the commandments of YHVH is for our own good. We are also familiar with Yahshua's words in Matthew 5: 17 - 19 confirming: **“Do not think that I came to**

abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law, until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” So we see that Yahshua in fact said that those who keep and teach the commandments of YHVH will be called great in the coming Kingdom – what a blessing.

Considering the tremendous benefits of obeying the Law, it should be easy for us to see the sinister motive behind the idea that it was abolished. Who would have this motive for removing the Law, the wall of our protection, from Elohim’s people? Who has a vested interest in keeping Christians and others defenseless against his onslaughts? Satan does, of course! We are familiar with the saying that ‘all is fair in love and war.’ This certainly gives Satan a great advantage to have removed the wall of our defense. We know that he is cunning and desires to destroy the souls of all human beings. As such, what sort of tactics should we expect him to employ?

Not only is our protective wall removed, but also in rejecting the written word of the Law, which is a transcript of the glory of YHVH, Satan has caused his prey, to offend their Heavenly Protector, so that they may step out of the realm of blessing of YHVH. Fellow believers, we are at war here on earth. Each of us is engaged in a battle, the outcome of which will be determined by our enemy, Satan. It is for this reason that scriptures warn us in 1 Peter 5: 8 to ***“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*** Let us also look for confirmation in Revelation 12: 7 – 9 ***“And there was war in the heaven: Michael and his heavenly angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought with his heavenly angels. And the dragon prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in the heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that head serpent, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his heavenly angels were cast out with him.”***

Satan does not have the power to remove the defenses that YHVH has put in place for our protection. The only way that he is able to remove us from our protection is to get us to remove it ourselves. How does Satan get us to willingly destroy our defenses against him? In the days of Yahshua our Messiah, Satan came to Him to tempt Him by quoting scriptures. But he tried tricking Yahshua by twisting and misusing scriptures. Satan comes to Christians and others using the same tactics. It is also by this method that he gets Christians to believe that the Law or Torah was nailed to the tree.

Let us have a look at the scripture that Satan uses to get Christianity to believe this lie. It is found in Colossians 2: 14 as follows: ***“having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us: and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”*** What is this saying? One thing is certain; it is definitely not saying the Law is nailed to the cross. It is in fact saying that the certificate of debt – the document of our indebtedness was nailed to the cross.

An example is that when someone has paid the traffic fine that we received for breaking a traffic law, in our stead. I once received a ticket for parking in the wrong place, taking my son Derek to hospital. When I went to pay the ticket, I found that someone had already paid it. This redeemed me from having to pay the traffic ticket. However, this good deed did not abolish the traffic law for me. I am even today required to adhere to the traffic regulations and by-laws applicable in South Africa.

The same applies to the Law of YHVH our Elohim. Yahshua redeemed us from the power of the grave, by paying for our past sins. However, we are still required to keep the commandments. O yes, the teachings of YHVH are as applicable today as they were yesterday and will be forever. These same laws will be applicable during the millennial Kingdom and on into eternity. In James 2: 24 we read: ***“You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.”*** A second witness to this is found in Romans 2: 13: ***“for not the hearers of the Law are just before Elohim, but the DOERS of the Law will be justified.”***

It is, therefore, time to stop doubting what we as Nazarene Jews/Israelites believe, as it says in 1 John 2: 3 & 4 ***“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.” ‘The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.’***

Chapter 14: The truth behind Galatians 4.

The majority of the Christian world has been misled by the book of Galatians, due to the technical discussions regarding scriptural topics ranging from circumcision to so-called freedoms in Messiah, the one they call Christ.

My intention today is to bring clarity to the much maligned chapter 4 of the book of Galatians. To commence with, Christianity alleges that this chapter does away with the need to keep the Torah, including the Feast Days of YHVH, which according to Leviticus 23 in the last part of both verses 21 & 31 ***“..is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.”*** This tells us that these Feast Days are for ever and part and parcel of the Torah teachings of YHVH. Christianity is saying that since Yahshua died on the tree, we are free from ‘the law’ and need not any longer be enslaved by it.

However, starting in verse 1 & 2 of Galatians 4, we read: ***“Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.”*** This is essentially talking about a property, such as for example a farm, which a minor son of a farmer inherits when his father dies prematurely. In this case the father stipulated a date when the son turns 21 or 25, when he will officially become the owner of the farm. In the meantime the son is to work on the farm, to learn how to eventually, when he comes of age, become the farmer/owner. During the time that the son is under age, the father stipulated that guardians or managers be appointed to farm the land. During, this period, the son does not differ from the slaves working on the farm, even though he being the heir of his late father is the legitimate owner of the farm.

In verse 3 - 5 we read: (3) ***“So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.*** (4) ***But when the fullness of time came, Elohim sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,(5) in order that He might redeem those who were under law, that we might receive***

the adoption as sons.” Even though some translations of The Scriptures, add the word ‘the’ before the final word in the 4th verse and also makes the ‘L’ in the word law a capital letter, the New International Version of the Scriptures has it as given above. In The New American Standard version of The Scriptures, the final two words of verse 4 reads the Law, but the side note listed against it, states that it should read law only. The same applies to the word law in the 5th verse.

Christians incorrectly interpret this verse to mean the Torah. However, both verses 4 and 5 are talking about **‘the law applicable to inheritance’**, discussed in principle in verses 1 & 2 and definitely not about Torah. The phrase ***‘under the elemental things of the world’*** in verse 3 does also most certainly not mean the Torah teachings of YHVH. The apostle Paul will not refer to the Torah or the Law as the elemental things of the world here and in Romans 7: 12 he says: ***‘So then the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good’*** and in verse 14 he says: ***‘For we know that the Law is spiritual.’***

Some go a bit further to say that this is saying that Yahshua was indeed born under Torah, because Miriam, His mother did not break Torah, since we know that she was pregnant as a result of what we read in Luke 1: 35 as follows: ***”And the angel answered and said to her, “The Ruach HaKodesh will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;”*** and not as a result of fornication. I agree fully that Yahshua’s mother did not violate Torah at all, but that is not what is being discussed in Galatians 4: 4.

The entire chapter 4 of Galatians is about **‘the law of inheritance’**. It is talking about us becoming children of YHVH our Elohim, because we are like Isaac, the children of promise, despite the fact that we were doomed to die as a result of the sins of our original parents, Adam and Eve.

To understand the context of this chapter better, let us read again from verse 4 to 8: ***“But when the fullness of the time came*** (the set date mentioned in verse 2), ***Elohim sent forth His Son, born***

of a woman, born under law, in order that He might redeem those who were under law (this law of inheritance), that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, Elohim has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son: and if a son, then an heir through Elohim. However at that time, when you did not know Elohim, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. Do you get that; when we did not know Elohim, we were slaves to the elemental things of this world – those which by nature are no gods.

In verse 9, 10 and 11 Paul exhorts us who are now heirs of Elohim to not go back to our old ways of life and worthless elemental things and be enslaved by them all over again. These things are pagan holidays such as Birthdays, Easter, Christmas and New Years day. Paul carries on exhorting the Galatians (and us) to remain loyal until verse 20. From verse 21 on the end of the chapter, Paul explains the law of inheritance again as follows: ***"Tell me, you who want to be under law (of inheritance), do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman (Hagar) and one by the free woman (Sarah) through the promise. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise*** (This is why father Abraham was circumcised: so that he might know that Isaac was his child through promise, and not through his own strength). ***This is an allegory speaking: for these women are two covenants, one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponding to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. For it is written, "REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND. And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise."***

"But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is

now also. But what does the scripture say? “CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.” So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.”

I am positive that if you read the entire chapter in the light of what is explained in verses 1 & 2 you will agree that this Chapter has nothing to do with the abolition of Torah or the Feast Days of YHVH our Elohim. We know that the Torah is Spiritual and will never pass away. In this chapter Paul is explaining the law of inheritance to us, the children of promise.

In Romans 9: 6 & 7 we read: ***“But it is not as though the word of Elohim has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; neither are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants, but: “THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.”***

For further confirmation let’s read from verse 26 through 29 of Galatians chapter 3 as follows: ***“For you are all sons of Elohim through faith in Messiah Yahshua. For all of you who were immersed into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Yahshua. And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”*** And yes, therefore according to the covenant made with father Abraham in Genesis 17 all men shall be circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me (YHVH) and you (us).

The covenant with YHVH is forever as He promises in Isaiah 54 verses 1 - 5 & 10: ***“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous Than the sons of the married woman. Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen***

your pegs. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations, And they will resettle the desolate cities. Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is YHVH of hosts; And your redeemer is the Set-apart One of Israel, Who is called the Elohim of all the earth.” (10)“For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My loving-kindness will not be shaken,” Says YHVH who has compassion on you.

Chapter 15: Are we the people of YHVH?

The Ten Commandments is the covenant that YHVH made with His people, the children of Israel, according to Deuteronomy 4: 13. In Galatians 3: 26 we read that we are called sons (or children) of YHVH, if we have faith in Yahshua. As children of YHVH, we show our love and obedience to our Father YHVH, by observing the first four commandments. We show our love towards our neighbors, by obeying the last six commandments. Most people, who profess faith in Yahshua, at least admit to keep the last six commandments and try to keep all ten. Others, however say, that Yahshua has done away with the law and that we are free from the "yoke of bondage", and we need therefore not keep any Scriptural commandments any longer.

We know that this is not true as Yahshua himself said in Matthew 5 verse 17 - 19: ***“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law, until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven”*** Let us therefore, examine these commandments to see if we the people who profess to love our Creator, are at least striving to keep all ten of the commandments.

What is wrong with Churchianity today? Are they obeying the first four commandments? The different branches of the Assemblies of Yahweh keep the Sabbaths, do not bow down before images, use the Set-apart Names, but believe the YHVH is two - a type of Twinity. The Seventh Day Adventists and the Churches of G-d keep the Sabbaths, but believe in either a Trinity/Twinity and even though most of them know the Set-apart Names of YHVH and Yahshua, they refuse to use the same. Protestants interpret three of the four commandments incorrectly. They do not keep the Sabbath; believe in a Trinity; and do not know/use the Set-apart Names of YHVH and Yahshua. Catholics interpret all four the first commandments

incorrectly: In addition to the three Commandments that the Protestants interpret incorrectly, they also bow down before handmade images. The main cause for this is a lack of fear and proper respect of YHVH our Elohim.

We don't appreciate how delicate our existence is, how constantly dependent we are on the care of YHVH. Should He allow even a few degrees' change in the average temperature of the earth's surface, the perfectly balanced ecological system that is necessary for our existence would be destroyed. Only small changes in the earth's atmosphere would permit destructive radiation to cause us to become sterile, quickly extinguishing human life. Unless the fragile balance of nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, ozone and other necessary gases and elements are consistently sustained in the atmosphere, life as we know it could not exist on planet earth.

The same balance is evident in the amount and distribution of water in oceans, lakes, rivers, glaciers, and mountain snow packs in relation to the planet's land mass. The efficient distribution of water is essential for proper irrigation of the earth's surface. The world's incredible weather system enables us to grow food, cleanse the land of waste and meet many other needs, including the recreation and beauty that it provides.

YHVH reveals that He actively rules and controls this delicate balance. In Acts 17: 24 – 25 (paraphrased) we read that He is the Elohim ***"who made the world and everything in it"*** and is ***"YHVH of heaven and earth, [who] does not dwell in temples made with hands."*** He, the true Elohim is not ***"served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath, and all things."*** Knowing this should inspire us to have the proper fear and respect to obey YHVH our heavenly Elohim and Father.

The first commandment:

The first commandment according to the word of YHVH reads as follows: ***"You shall have no other elohim before (or besides) Me"***. This means that YHVH is ONE - there are not two, three or

more separate Almighty Beings, but ONE. Do we believe Him, or do we like some believers say that He consists of two or three persons or beings. Pagan religions based on sex believe in a father-mother-child trinity. The Babylonians had a triad god called Baal, Semiramis and Tammuz; the Egyptians had Amon Ra, Isis and Osiris; Greece had Zeus, Demeter and Porsephere, to name but a few. Another group even goes, as far as to say that Yahshua was an Angel before His human birth. Are they confused or what? We must understand the reasoning behind this. In our inability to comprehend the Almighty, we try to interpret what we see and read in the Scriptures and according to our limited human conception it does not make sense.

According to 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, a person (mankind) consists of three distinct parts, namely: spirit, soul and body - yet as an individual the person is only one. In Romans 1: 19 & 20 we read: ***“Because that which is known of Elohim is manifested among them (mankind), for Elohim has manifested it to them (mankind). For since the creation of the world His invisible qualities (YHVH is invisible) have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, both His everlasting power (Yahshua is the power of Elohim) and divine nature (The Set-apart Spirit is the divine nature of Elohim), for them (mankind) to be without excuse.”*** – From this it is obvious that YHVH our Elohim, like mankind, consists of three parts. He is not three persons in one, but has three component parts.

YHVH is OMNIPRESENT and it is possible for Him to be in more than one place at the same time. That is why as a human, Yahshua, being only some of the attributes of YHVH could pray to His Father in Heaven. Some might ask how it is possible for YHVH our Elohim to sit at His own right hand. The answer lies in His omnipresence. For thirty-three and a half years whilst Yahshua was on earth, there were two manifestations of the One True Elohim. He is now, still as the chief manifestation of the One True Elohim, at the right hand of YHVH, where He will remain until He returns to rule over the nations from Jerusalem for a thousand years. After the thousand years, the New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven, at which time YHVH will reign forever and ever, as our Elohim. Whilst there are human

beings on the earth, Yahshua, the lamb of Elohim, who takes away the sins of the world, will be the only way in which the human race can relate to the Father. Once all human beings have been born again as spirit beings, we will see YHVH, and as it says in Zechariah 14: 9 ***"And YHVH will be king over all the earth; in that day YHVH will be the only one and His name the only one."***

Fellow disciples, we better make sure that we understand and believe that YHVH is One and that there is no elohim besides Him! In Hosea 13: 4 we read: ***"Yet I have been YHVH your Elohim since the land of Egypt; And you were not to know any Elohim except Me, for there is no Savior besides Me."*** There is no Savior except YHVH; Yahshua the Messiah is none other than YHVH in the flesh.

The second commandment:

Now let's consider the Second Commandment. ***"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for, YHVH your Elohim, am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."*** This is talking about idols. These are made objects or things. It may be a golden calf, which we made for ourselves to worship. It may even be the now very popular golden or silver chain with the figure of a man on a crucifix, which Christians wear as a reflection of their religion - whom they call Jesus.

In the time of YAHSHUA there were nothing like photographs and the people amongst whom He lived, did not make pictures or figurines of Him, as they feared that by doing so they will have broken this very commandment. Nobody really knows what YAHSHUA looked like. All we know is that He was Jewish and in all probability had Jewish features, i.e. a fairly prominent nose, with brown eyes and dark brown or black hair. The picture that we see of the person some call Jesus in some Bibles has a refined almost

effeminate little nose, pale blue eyes, with long light brown almost blond hair.

Even if we are sure about his looks, this very commandment forbids making an image of Yahshua and bowing down to it. We know that this is what the most prominent Christian Church is doing. Their version of the Ten Commandments has been altered to exclude the Second Commandment. Oh yes, they still have ten but they split the tenth Commandment into two separate Commandments to accomplish this bit of forgery. It is easy for the average Christian to say "but we don't do that". Think again. Do you spend more time in front of the one eyed elohim in your house called TV, than what you do worshipping YHVH, or do you spend more time playing golf or going to the movies or washing your car, etc.? Are you drinking or eating too much? What are your excesses? Be very careful, that can develop into your god and idol.

The third commandment:

The third commandment has to do with the name of YHVH. ***"You shall not take the name of YHVH your Elohim in vain, for YHVH will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain."*** What does the word vain mean? It could mean to use lightly, to destroy or bring to naught, i.e. You are not to ("lash-shawv") use lightly, destroy or bring to naught, the name of YHVH your Elohim, by hiding, refusing to use, and purposely misspelling His name. Also notice the word take or use. There are so many ways in which we can use the name of YHVH in vain. If for example we keep non-scriptural festivals like Xmas, we twist scripture to fit doctrines of men. No-where in scripture do we find the birth date of our Messiah given, let alone stated as the 25th of December - by keeping the Messiah's birthday we propagate a lie and use the name of YHVH in vain.

Another example of using the name of YHVH our Elohim in vain can be found in the South African judicial system. When we give evidence in a court case, we are supposed to swear an oath on the bible, to indicate that our evidence is true and not a lie. This is perhaps true in most western countries. Whilst on earth our Rabbi

said in Matthew 5: 33 " ***Again, ye have heard that 'the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO YHVH.'*** "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of Elohim, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is ***THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING***. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be Yes, yes or No no; and anything beyond these is of evil." We should therefore, not swear by anything, let alone by the Word of YHVH. How much more the punishment if we do swear on the Word of YHVH, and we know it is a lie (in vain).

The Priests of the Hebrew nation changed the vowel points of the name of the Almighty to "Adonai", which was translated in the English Bible as LORD. This happened after the Babylonian captivity. Before the Babylonian captivity, the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father was used freely in worship, but the religious leaders in Judah have since adopted the Babylonian tradition, where the names of their deity were said to be un-pronounceable. For this reason the name of the Almighty could only be used during Atonement and only by the Priests. The rest of the believers in Israel did not have permission to use the name at all. However by using such names as Adonai and therefore misspelling Elohim's name, they are doing exactly what they intending not to do.

If we claim to be the Almighty's people, we should know His name as stated in the first part of Isaiah 52: 6 "***Therefore My people shall know My name***". However, we must still be careful not to use the name of YHVH in everyday language like some people in TV programs do. Perhaps it is a good thing that most do not know the true name of YHVH, as the generic name G-d, as used by people in TV programs is not the true name. The name of YHVH should only be used in prayer, blessings and teachings.

The fourth commandment:

In Exodus 20: 8, 9, 10 & 11 we read the Fourth or Sabbath Command as follows: "***Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it***

holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of YHVH your Elohim; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days YHVH made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore YHVH blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." Do we today, know which day is the Sabbath? Is it possible after so many years after YHVH gave the ten original commandments to His people, to identify which is the Sabbath Day? I would say yes. The Jewish people who are the people of the nation of Judah of the Scriptures are still keeping the original Sabbath day, from Friday evening at sunset to Saturday evening at sunset.

This is the Sabbath of YHVH, the seventh day, which YHVH blessed and sanctified after having completed the creation of the heavens and the earth. The Catholics also confirm that they do not keep the Sabbath, being the seventh day of the week, since they keep the first day of the week in honor of the resurrection of Jesus. What we must remember is that only YHVH can sanctify anything. He has declared which are His appointed times in Leviticus 23. We do not have the right as human beings, to proclaim feast days to YHVH. We can read an example where Aaron declared a feast to YHVH in Exodus 32, with dire consequences.

In Hebrews 4: 9 we read that: **"There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of Elohim"**. By keeping the Sabbath we identify ourselves as the people of YHVH. This brings us back to where we started in Galatians 3: 26, which states: **"For you are all sons of Elohim through faith in Messiah Yahshua."** If we have faith in Yahshua, we believe in Him, i.e. we believe in what He said, whilst He was on earth. As quoted earlier, we read that He said that He has not abolished the Law, but came to fulfill it. Also in Hebrews 13: 8 we see that Yahshua is the same yesterday and today and forever. It is therefore evident that the Sabbath command is still binding on us, the people of YHVH today and forever. If we are truly the people of YHVH should we not keep all ten of the Ten

Commandments, but most of all the first four, which shows our love to HIM!

Does the new covenant abolish the commandments?

According to The Scriptures Yahshua the Messiah is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 8: 6 - 8). The accepted belief that the New Covenant abolished the law of YHVH shows a total misunderstanding of both covenants. In Hebrews 8: 6 YHVH tells us that He changed the original covenant and made ***“a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.”*** But it was not established on different laws. The law stayed the same.

However, there was a weakness, or fault, in the original covenant. That fault was with the people, not with the law, as per verse 8 of Hebrews 8: ***“For finding fault with them, He says, BEHOLD DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS YHVH, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH.”*** In the last part of verse 9 we read: ***“FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS YHVH.”***

In the Old Covenant YHVH wrote the law on tablets of stone. It was external, not part of the peoples thinking and way of life. It was in their literature but not in their hearts. According to Hebrews 8: 10, the New Covenant will be made with YHVH writing His Laws upon the hearts and minds of His people. To enable people to internalize His Torah teachings - to love it and obey it willingly, YHVH promised in Ezekiel 36: 26 – 27 as follows: ***“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and you will be careful to observe my ordinances.”*** The Set-apart Spirit enables His people to obey His Torah teachings.

People lacking the Set-apart Spirit are incapable of wholehearted obedience, according to Romans 8: 7 & 8: ***“Because the mind on the flesh is hostile toward Elohim; for it does not subject itself***

to the law of Elohim, for it is not even able to do so.” This is why the Old Covenant and the New Covenant differ. Paul explains in Romans 8: 3 & 4 that ***“For what the law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh”*** YHVH has accomplished by sending Yahshua, who overcame the flesh and ***“condemned sin [the breaking of the law] in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”***

In Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33 we read that YHVH is going to make a New Covenant with the whole house of Israel – and as it says in the last part of verse 33: ***“I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”*** Eventually all of the people of YHVH will fear and obey Him as their Elohim.

Finally, some passages that confirm that Yahshua and His disciples followed the Torah and specifically the Ten Commandments as a necessary part of the Nazarene way of life:

The 1st Commandment: Matthew 22:37-38.

The 2nd Commandment: 1 John 5:21; Ephesians 5:5.

The 3rd Commandment: Luke 11:2; 1 Timothy 6:1.

The 4th Commandment: Luke 4:16; Hebrews 4:4, 9.

The 5th Commandment: Matthew 15:3-6; Ephesians 6:2-3.

The 6th Commandment: Matthew 5:21-22; Romans 13:9.

The 7th Commandment: Matthew 5:27-28; Galatians 5:19-21.

The 8th Commandment: Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9.

The 9th Commandment: Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9.

The 10th Commandment: Luke 12:15; Romans 7:7.

Chapter 16: Both Houses of Israel are blinded in part.

Who is Israel? I am not only talking about the small nation in the Middle East which goes by the name of Israel and I am not saying that they are not Israel - O yes they are indeed Israel and know that they are. They have not forgotten the Sabbath of the Almighty - which as written in Hebrew שבת (Shabbat) means *"a house marked by the Set-apart spirit of Elohim."* The Sabbath is an identifying mark, identifying the Almighty and His people. These Hebrew people keep the commandments of YHVH to the best of their ability - sometimes to a degree that is seen by non-Jews as to a pharisaical extent, but never the less they are keeping His commandments. That is after all how we identify our Jewish brothers. Yahshua, who was a Jew himself and by definition also an Israelite, kept these same commandments and said in Matthew 5, 17 ***"Do not think I came to abolish the Law or the prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill."*** Continuing on in Matthew 5 Yahshua went on to tell his disciples in private how to keep the Torah (the teachings of YHVH), with a spiritual intent.

The audience I am trying to reach knows that the Jews of today are not the only Israelites to be found on this earth. YHVH told our common forefather Abram that he will be the father of a multitude of nations and changed his name to Abraham, which means father of a multitude. To ratify the covenant YHVH made with Abraham, it was agreed that Abraham and his descendants after him, throughout their generations would be circumcised. In Gen.17: 18 - 21 YHVH tells Abraham that He will not establish His covenant with Ishmael, the son of Hagar, but with Isaac, the son of Sarah.

This leads to the fact that Israel became, and still is the chosen race of YHVH our Elohim. However, the Scriptures bear witness to the fact that the nation of Israel split into two separate nations because of the sins of King Solomon. The resultant Kingdom of Judah kept close to YHVH, but its sister nation the Kingdom of Israel started keeping different feast days, immediately after the split. They became like gentiles and were taken into captivity in the year 721CE, because of their idolatrous ways. The Assyrians took them

out of Samaria and settled another people in their place. Samaria was the Capital of the ten tribes of Israel. Eventually the ten tribes were taken northwest into Europe, where some settled. The rest moved on into England and further on to the USA, Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

The seed of the Israelites were spread throughout the world and can be found amongst virtually every nation in the world. The children of Abraham have indeed become a multitude of nations. However, they lost their identity because they forgot the commandments of YHVH and started keeping pagan holidays such as the day of the sun, Xmas and Easter, like the pagan nations amongst whom they lived. They are no longer the people of YHVH and do not know His name - another sign of His true people. See the first part of Isaiah 52: 6 ***"Therefore My people shall know My name."*** Even though some know that Yahshua or Jesus as they know the Messiah died for their sins, they do not know His real name. They do not know that they are Israelites who need to keep the Torah commands of YHVH. In addition they worship a three-headed Almighty called God. This deception is Satan's way to keep these Israelites from knowing their ultimate human potential - to become sons of Elohim.

As Ephraimites, we have forgotten everything about our true heavenly Father and even blame others for the death of His only begotten son. A few years ago, I listened to a TV broadcast of the Papal visit to Damascus in Syria and heard how one of the commentators kept stressing that the first century Jews killed the Messiah (the commentator called the Messiah Jesus). Fellow Israelite how long will we believe this nonsense? As long as the world at large believes that the first century Jews killed the Messiah, they cannot be forgiven for their sins and the two branches of the House of Israel cannot be united. If you and I believe that our first century Jewish brothers killed the Messiah Yahshua, we cannot expect to be saved by His precious blood. He came to die for the sins of this world - including yours and mine. He came for the very purpose to reconcile us to the Father. His death makes it possible for us to talk directly to our Heavenly Father in His (Yahshua) name. YHVH purposed Yahshua to die for the sins of all mankind.

If we start keeping the Commandments of YHVH, have faith in Yahshua and are **immersed in His name, for the forgiveness of our sins, we can become sons of Elohim**. We are given a portion of the Set-apart Spirit after Baptism and the laying-on of hands. We read in *Acts 2:38* **"Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Set Apart Spirit."** This is a Key to the Kingdom of YHVH - when the Set-apart Spirit combines with the spirit in man, we are begotten anew, giving us a fresh chance, to like Yahshua be resurrected to eternal life. No animal has that potential, as animals are not created from spirit. It is only mankind with the incredible potential to become the very sons and daughters of Elohim.

In Isaiah 43 verse 10 YHVH tells us **"You are my witnesses"** declares YHVH, **"And My servant whom I have chosen, In order that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no Elohim formed, And there will be none after Me."** Verse 11 **" I even I, am YHVH; And there is no savior besides Me."** So it is therefore clear that YHVH is our savior. In John 10 verse 30 Yahshua said almost the same thing: **"I and my Father are one."** And the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, as they knew what He was saying. In Psalms 49 verse 7 we see that **"No man can by any means redeem his brother, Or give to Elohim a ransom for him"** and in verse 15 it reads **"But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; For He will receive me."** If we believe that Yahshua was only a human being and not YHVH Himself, we will die in our sins. YHVH died as Yahshua, so that we may have eternal life.

In Colossians 1: 15 talking about Yahshua, we read: **"And He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the first-born of all creation."** In John 1: 18 we see that: **"No man has seen Elohim at any time: the only begotten Elohim, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."** In our sinful state we cannot be part of The plan of YHVH. The whole purpose of the Chief Manifestation of YHVH was to reconcile us back to the Father. The second important reason for Yahshua's birth was to bring the lost tribes of Israel, the proverbial prodigal son, back to the house of the Father. The

members of the lost tribes of Israel are not aware of their identity and literally hate all things Jewish. This hatred is Satan inspired as he has been doomed to suffer eternally knowing that he failed, when Yahshua did not fall for Satan's temptation and qualified to be our eternal ruler. Satan does not want the members of the lost tribes known in Scriptures as Ephraim, to know their identity, as in that, lays their opportunity to become first fruits.

The Jews on the other hand know YHVH and keep his commandments. However, they are totally oblivious of the fact that the Messiah died for the sins of the world. O yes they keep the commandments of Elohim, but keeping the commandments alone cannot save them from Sheol. They will have to accept that Yahshua died for the sins of the world in order to be saved. The fact that we must not forget is that our Father YHVH is a merciful Elohim and He wants all people to be saved. Even though the Jews are keeping the commandments, no human being is without sin. We all need a redeemer. YHVH is our redeemer through Yahshua our Savior. We read in Romans 11: 25-27 that all Israel will eventually be saved. However, we who are called now are a type of first fruits and like firstborn sons, if we make it into The eternal Kingdom of Elohim, will be a kingdom of priests to our Elohim and we will reign on earth over our brothers in the new world.

We will teach our brethren to keep Torah more fully. That is by the way, why we need to know our identity, so that we can start living the way of YHVH, keeping Torah to the best of our ability in this present life. Knowing the Torah will allow us to teach our brethren the correct way of life during the millennium. If our Jewish brothers can in this current dispensation learn to accept the Messiah, they too will become part of the first fruits of YHVH and will rule as a kingdom of priests with us Ephraimites under Yahshua. We know that at least 24,000 of our Jewish brothers will be part of the 144,000 first fruits ruling with Yahshua in the Kingdom of YHVH. After the thousand years, those people who died unsaved during the past 6000 years will be resurrected. They will also be shown the way of life of YHVH and will have the opportunity to repent and accept that Yahshua died for the sins of the world, including theirs. If they repent and accept Yahshua as their savior, they too will

become sons of Elohim through faith in Yahshua Messiah. We know from the Scriptures that at the return of Yahshua, our Jewish brothers will in seeing the pierced hands of Yahshua, repent and accept Him as their Messiah. Zechariah 12 attests to this in the latter part of verse 10: ***“so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for HIM. As one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a first-born.”***

Some, who do not believe that YHVH our Elohim is One, might at this stage ask, “How if YHVH our Elohim is ONE, is it possible for Him to sit at His own right hand?” The answer to this question lies in His omnipresence and the very purpose of Yahshua. For thirty-three and a half years whilst Yahshua walked the earth, He was the chief manifestation of the One True Elohim. He is now, still as the chief manifestation of the One True Elohim, at the right hand of YHVH, where He will remain until He returns to rule over all the nations, from Jerusalem, for a thousand years. After the thousand years, the New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven, at which time YHVH will reign forever and ever, as our Elohim. Whilst there are human beings on the earth, Yahshua will be the only way in which we can relate to the Father.

Once all human beings have been born again as spirit beings, after the millennium rule of Yahshua, we will see only YHVH the One True Elohim, who is a Spiritual Being. In Matthew 11: 27 Yahshua tells us that only He is able to reveal Elohim to believers: ***“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father: and no one knows the Son, except the Father: nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”***

What then might you ask is the Set-apart Spirit? We have seen that Yahshua is the power of Elohim (1 Corinthians 1: 24). In him dwells the fullness of Deity (divine nature) in bodily form (Colossians 2: 9). When we are immersed in Yahshua’s name, we are given a portion of the Set – apart Spirit or Divine nature or power of Elohim (see Acts 2: 38). However, we only get given a small portion, as it says in

Ephesians 1: 13 & 14 ***“....sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of Elohim’s own possession,...”***

According to the first part of Micah 3: 8, the Set-apart Spirit is the divine nature or divine power of YHVH: ***“On the other hand I am filled with power - With the Spirit of YHVH -”***. The second and third witnesses to this fact are to be seen in Luke 1: 35. We see in John 14:26 that the Father will send the Set-apart Spirit in the name of His Son Yahshua. As explained previously, the Set-apart Spirit is given us when we are immersed in Yahshua's saving Name. To get us back to the covenant YHVH made with Abraham we see in Galatians 3: 26 - 29: ***“For you are all sons of Elohim through faith in Messiah Yahshua. For all of you who were immersed into Messiah have clothed yourself with Messiah. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Yahshua. And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”***

Fellow Israelites, knowing this should encourage us who believe the truth revealed to us by the Set-apart Spirit, to forget all our differences and start living like the Israel of YHVH. Both houses of Israel will be part of the 144,000 just as both houses are responsible for the death of Yahshua. We need to accept that we killed Yahshua by our sinful nature and that He died to reconcile us to the Father.

To love the Name of YHVH, holding fast His covenant and keeping His Sabbath day are some of the requirements to be in the Kingdom of Elohim, even if we are not 100 percent certain about our Israelite identity. Isaiah 56: 6 & 7 bears testimony to this: ***“Also the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH, To minister to Him, and to love the name of YHVH, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And holds fast my covenant: Even those I will bring to My holy Mountain.”*** Let us therefore identify ourselves as the Israel of YHVH, by keeping the Sabbath, using His Set-apart Name and obeying the Torah commandments. This is the cement, which will assist in uniting the two Houses of Israel, making them one in the Hand of YHVH our Elohim, before the return of Yahshua Messiah.

Chapter 17: Stone of Stumbling, rock of offense and Kings and Priests.

We know according to James 1: 18 that “In the exercise if His (YHVH) will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.” In Ephesians 1:4 we read: ***“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Set-apart and blameless before Him in love.”***

Do we believe what we read in these two verses or do we still stumble over the Rock of our Salvation? In 1 Peter 2: 8 – 10 we read: ‘and ***“A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”***; ***for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word (Yahshua), and to this doom they were also appointed.”*** (We know from Scriptures that this is not the only day of salvation and YHVH did not call them yet¹²). ***But you are a CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL, PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR ELOHIM’S OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF ELOHIM; you had not RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”***

We are already a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We are the Israel of Elohim according to Galatians 6:16, which reads as

¹² In Mark 4: 11 & 12 and Matt 13:11, 12 & 19 we see that YHVH is not calling everybody during this age. There will be two harvest periods - like in Israel today. First the first fruits during the First Resurrection and then the rest during the Second Resurrection. In James 1: 18, you will see that those of us called now are going to be the first fruits, who will, if we make it, become kings and priests ruling under Messiah during the millennium (as per Revelation 5:10). We who are called during this age are being judged at this time. Most of those who are resurrected during the second resurrection never really had a chance and will be given a chance to repent. The people who died without the knowledge that we have today, never had a chance - remember, there is no such thing as a second chance. But if you never heard the name of Yahshua in your life time, or never heard about Elohim’s plan of Salvation, how can you be considered to have had your chance?

follows: ***“And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of Elohim.”***

At this moment in time YHVH has blinded the minds of both houses of Israel. He has hardened the minds of Judah, until the fullness of the ‘gentiles’ (the people of Israel who forgot that they are also Israel, because they have forgotten the TORAH or Teachings of YHVH), has come in, then all Israel will be saved. We read about this in Romans 11. Our Father has a plan for us all, but at this moment in time, according to Romans 11: 32 (paraphrased) ***‘He has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.’***

Let us get back to the rule spoken of in Galatians 6: 16. In Romans 9: 6 –7 we read: ***“But it is not as though the word of Elohim has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; neither are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants but: “THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.”*** We continue with this same subject in Galatians 4: 22 – 28 ***“For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. This is allegorically speaking: for these women are two covenants, one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free: she is our mother. For it is written, “REJOICE BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.” And you brethren, like Isaac are children of promise.”***

Those that YHVH calls today are in fact from both houses of Israel. We read about this in Romans 9: 24 – 27 as follows. ***“Even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles”.*** As He says also in Hosea, ***“I WILL CALL***

THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE. 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'” “AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF 'THE LIVING ELOHIM.”

In Isaiah 8: 14 we also read that both houses stumbled over the stumbling stone as follows: **“Then HE (YHVH) shall become a sanctuary; but to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”**

We know that according to Deuteronomy 32: 4 YHVH is THE ROCK! His work is perfect. In Psalm 118: 21 & 22 we read: **“I shall give thanks to Thee, for Thou hast answered me; And Thou hast become my salvation ('Yeshua' in Hebrew). The stone, which the builders rejected, has become the chief corner stone.”** This is a reference to Yahshua the salvation of Yah, which we read about in Acts 4: 11 & 12 as follows: **“He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but which BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name among men by which we must be saved.”**

Yes, brethren YHVH has become our Salvation or Savior as may be read in Isaiah 63: 8 **‘For He said, “Surely they are My People, Sons who will not deal falsely.” So He became their Savior.’**

In Matthew 11 verse 6 we read: **“And blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me.”** The fact that YHVH has become our Salvation is revealed to us by Yahshua and cannot be seen otherwise - as it is written in verses 25 – 27 of Matthew 11: **‘At that time Yahshua answered and said, “I praise Thee, O Father, YHVH of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well pleasing in Thy sight. “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the**

Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal HIM.”

Yes the Rock that we read about in Deuteronomy 32 is YHVH/Yahshua and this is confirmed in 1 Corinthians 10: 4 as follows: ***“and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from the spiritual rock which followed them: and the rock was Messiah.”*** Consider for the moment the word stone (eben) in Hebrew אֶבֶן

The two words – ‘Father’ & ‘Son’ overlap in the word ‘stone’

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We can literally say the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as is confirmed by Yahshua in John 10: 37 & 38: ***“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father.”***

We who believe in the Oneness of YHVH are already the Israel of Elohim. We know who Yahshua is; we do not stumble over the fact that He is one with His Father YHVH, as He said in John 10: 30. According to what we read in 1 Peter 2: 9, we are already a royal priesthood under Messiah.

We know that kings and priests wear head coverings - either crowns or caps (turbans) and this conforms to the rulings made in 1 Corinthians 11: 4, which reads as follows: ***“Every man who has something hanging down on his head (like the veils that our ladies wear), whilst praying or prophesying, disgraces his head.”*** We wear head coverings like the one king David wore in 2 Samuel 15: 30 & 32. We read here: ***“And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went. Now someone told David, saying,***

“Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” And David said: “O YHVH, I pray, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness.” King David went up to the summit where YHVH was worshipped and covered His head and so did the people with him. He was praying wearing a head covering.

There are those in our Nazarene Jewish/Israelite community, who insists, that the custom of wearing a cap (kippah)/turban, comes from Babylon. In the paragraph above we saw that King David wore a head covering whilst praying, and we know for a fact that he was never in captivity in Babylon. So are these people correct in their assumption? I don't think so. In addition, we know that Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were some of the Jewish people who were definitely in captivity in Babylon. Did they perhaps get the custom of wearing head coverings from Babylon? Again I do not think so. In fact Daniel's three friends were thrown into a furnace of fire, because they were defying king Nebuchadnezzar, by not worshipping the golden image that he set up – See Daniel 3: 21. They were thrown into the fire with all their customary clothing on, which included their caps. So do not tell me that these Jews who were in defiance of king Nebuchadnezzar learnt to wear head coverings in Babylon.

The wearing of caps came from Israel, before these men were taken to Babylon. In fact we see that Yahshua joined the three men in the fire because in verse 25 the high official answered the king, saying that he saw four men walking about in the midst of the fire without harm and the appearance of the fourth man was like a son of the gods. Even though it does not say so in Daniel, I believe that Yahshua also had some sort of head covering on in the fire, similar to the ones worn by Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Preposterous you say? I do not think so. In Zechariah 3 the prophet sees a vision of Joshua the high priest. In verse 3 he sees that Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the Angel. This is really a reference to Yahshua, who according to Galatians 3:13 has redeemed us from the curse of the law: having become a curse for us – for it is written, ***“Cursed is everyone who***

hangs on a tree.” Yahshua became dirty with our sin and was cursed on our behalf. In verse 5 of Zechariah 3, we read that a clean turban is put on His head. In verse 8 we read a reference about ‘the Branch’ who we know refers to Yahshua. In Zechariah 6: 11 we see it talks about Joshua again and in verses 12 – 13 we read about the Branch who will build the Temple of YHVH and who will have two offices, namely, that of both King and Priest. We know that kings wear crown, and that according to Exodus 29: 9 a High Priest wears a cap. So yes our KING and High Priest Yahshua will certainly wear some sort of a head covering in the millennium kingdom. Yahshua has qualified to be our High Priest as may be read about in Hebrews 7: 24 –28 (not quoted here).

Ezekiel 44 talks about the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east and was shut. In verse 3 it mentions the prince Yahshua who shall enter by way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the same way. This is a scene of the future when Yahshua will have returned already. In verse 7 and 9 we read that only those who are among the sons of Israel, who are circumcised in the heart and in the flesh, will enter the sanctuary of YHVH. The priests entering the sanctuary will also, like in the days of Aaron wear linen turbans on their heads – see verse 18 of Ezekiel 44.

Then there are some who insists that the kippah or head covering that our Jewish brothers wear come from the Catholic Church. The pope and priests in the Catholic Church wear a type of kippah like the Jews, because they maintain that they are in the Aaronic priesthood. Members of the Catholic Church are forbidden to wear head coverings like their priests. We are not part of the Christian Church and therefore not under the authority of the Catholic Church or the pope. The Catholic Church is like the Great Deceiver, a very good counterfeiter. They know that priests are supposed to wear head coverings. However, you will notice that they wear scarlet kippahs. This is the color of the attire worn by the **whore**, discussed in Revelation 17. It is a known fact that scarlet or Red is usually associated with woman of ill repute. We as Israelites do therefore not wear Scarlet caps: our head coverings (for men) should be the color associated with royalty, i.e. blue.

The question raised at the beginning of this paper still needs answering. Do we still stumble over the stone, which the builders rejected? We know that YHVH has become our Salvation Yahshua. We believe that fully. In 1 Peter 2: 5 it says: ***“you also as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house for a Set-apart priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim through Yahshua Messiah.”***

Since we are already a chosen race, a royal priesthood, we should therefore already wear our priestly headgear. We should also be circumcised if we are going to serve in the sanctuary of YHVH during Yahshua’s millennium rule from Jerusalem. In addition according to Galatians 3: 29 which reads as follows: “And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise” The promise was an eternal covenant, which is between YHVH and Abraham and his offspring. The covenant made with Abraham was as recorded in Genesis 17 and especially verse 12: ***“And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations...”*** The conditions of the covenant are recorded in verse 8 of Genesis 17 as follows: ***“And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim.”*** We see therefore that the covenant of circumcision has nothing to do with salvation.

Yes, I believe without a doubt, that we, the first fruits aiming to become kings and priests under Messiah during the millennium, must both be circumcised in heart (immersed in Yahshua’s Name) and flesh and wear head coverings during prayer and worship services. Our head coverings need not necessarily be kippahs, but could be caps that do not hang down over our heads like a woman’s veil, also worn during worship services. We also need to start acting like kings and priests in the way we live - we need to repent and return to Torah.

Chapter 18: Confusion Reigns.

Author's note - I include this short sermon, because I am very concerned about what is happening in the Nazarene/Messianic Community. It was written with love for our community and to try to foster reconciliation and most of all Unity, not to criticize any particular group or person. I hope and pray that it will be received in that way.

The Nazarene Jewish/Israelite community has come a long way over the past few years. Some see the re-establishment of the Nazarene Jewish faith during the end of the last century, as the final reformation of Christianity. I am one that does not fully agree with this statement, however, if coming out of the paganism of Christianity is seen as the final reformation, then we cannot argue about the facts.

It is encouraging to see how the Ruach HaKodesh is working with Israelites in the different parts of the world. Today there are like-minded believers throughout the world. I personally know of groups in most well known countries in our world – from the USA, Canada, Europe, Africa, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, the West Indies, the Philipians and even in the USSR.

However, with the re-awakening of the original faith of the 12 apostles, there are many factions and differences in the tenets of our Nazarene faith. In fact confusion is reigning supreme in our faith today. Even though most of us are certain that we should keep the Sabbath and other Set-apart Days of our Father YHVH and keep the Kosher laws as given in Leviticus 11, there are many different ideas about when and how we keep these events. In fact it has become a nightmare for new believers to determine just which group to follow. In addition there is the major problem that many of our peers are beginning to doubt the new covenant as well as the deity of Yahshua the Messiah, after which they usually defect to the anti-Yahshua anti-missionary camp.

The last named problem usually starts by Nazarenes beginning to doubt the writings of Rav Shaul (Paul). In addition some want to do away with the return of Yahshua the Messiah at the end of the sixth millennium, purely because they do not understand the plan of

salvation of YHVH for all mankind as depicted by His Set-apart days given in Leviticus 23. Believers do not understand that the war of Gog and Magog, which will culminate in the third world war, has already started. These believers do not understand that the war of Gog and Magog spoken about in Revelation 20 verse 8 mentioned after the thousand-year rule of Yahshua the Messiah is in fact a second war of Gog and Magog. This will happen after Satan is released from his prison. He will at this point continue with his age old function of deceiving the nations, which are in the four corners of the earth. He will again gather Gog and Magog together to come and fight for a final time against the saints and the beloved city Jerusalem. However, our Father will make a short work of them at this time, by sending fire to devour them.

Why do these people go astray? The answer my brothers and sisters is that Satan is like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. He is not interested in the average Christian or Jew out in the world. He knows that we are going to become Kings and Priest under Yahshua, to rule and reign with Yahshua during the millennium and on into eternity. Satan once had a position of rulership. He was the anointed Cherub, until he decided to rebel against YHVH our Elohim and was cast down to earth. He lost His position as a leader amongst the angels of YHVH. He is therefore enraged and wants to destroy the ones YHVH has called out to be His first fruits at this time.

Brethren there is so much confusion in our midst and most of us are aware of it. Below are some of the areas in which we are confused and by which we are confusing new comers to our faith:

- There are some amongst us here in South Africa, who insists that the Sabbath starts in the morning at sunlight on the seventh day of the week – where does that come from? We know that according to Genesis 1: 5 **“And there was evening and there was morning, one day.”** When did this change? In Jeremiah 33: 20 – 22 we read: **“Thus says YHVH, ‘If you can break My covenant for the day, and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, then My**

covenant may also be broken with David My servant that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 'As the host of heaven cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'” Also see Nehemiah 13: 19.

- There are some who say that you have to slaughter a lamb every Passover. I thought Yahshua died once and for all, as the lamb of YHVH our Elohim and that according to the traditions that Rav Shaul taught us in 1Corinthians 11: 25 we partake of the cup of the renewed covenant in His blood, in remembrance of his death for the sins of the world, every Passover.
- There are some who say that Yahshua did not partake of the last Passover. I thought that if according to Numbers 9: 2, 3 & 13, if an Israelite does not partake of the Passover; he shall bear His own sin. If Yahshua sinned, He would have died for His own sin and we would be doomed to eternal death. But we know that according to the plan of salvation of YHVH, a small part of Him became ‘the man’ Yahshua, which He purposed to die for the sins of the world. In addition when we read in Mark 14: 23 - 25 ***“And when He had taken a cup, and given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the renewed covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink (meaning that He must have drunk it at this time) of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of Elohim.”*** Also we know that in Judaism, if you give thanks for something you will also partake of it.
- There are some that say you may use normal bread for the Passover. This is not even debatable as we read in Exodus 23:18 ***“You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor is the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning.”***
- There are some that say you may only use grape juice for the Passover, since wine is fermented and should not be had during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Brethren, when Israel left Egypt, they did not have time to put leaven in their bread. After

all it is called the Feast of Unleavened Bread, not the Feast of Unleavened wine. In addition, as far as I can remember Jews will not even think of not having wine during their Passover Seder.

- There are some who count the Omer from the day after the Sabbath between the Days of Unleavened Bread. This means for them Pentecost always falls on a Sunday. The Feast of Weeks is counted from the day after the annual Sabbath or as it is written in the JPS Jewish Bible published in 1917 – Start counting from the morrow after the first day of rest (which is the day after the 1st day of Unleavened Bread), from the day you brought the sheaf of waving, i.e. the day after the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread. Seven complete weeks are counted; even unto the morrow after the seventh week shall you number fifty days. This is actually confirmed in the book of Jashar Chapter 82: 6 where we read: ***“And in the third month from the children of Yisrael’s departure from Mitzrayim, on the sixth day of it, YHVH gave to Yisrael the ten mitzvoth on Mount Sinai.”*** Pentecost always falls on the sixth day of the third month – according to the Hebrew calendar.

Then there are obviously the many different calendars in use today. Here we need a bit of tolerance since we are following shadows of what is to come and hopefully Yahshua will come and give us the correct calendar at His return. However, our group in Port Elizabeth, South Africa follow the calculated Hebrew calendar. Without being too critical and judgemental of others, we need to make reasonably certain which calendar we follow, as we know Yahshua our Messiah is said to return on the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah). We need to make sure that we will await Him at His return, or perhaps be a day or two too early or perhaps too late to welcome Him. In Nahum 1: 15 we read YHVH saying: ***“Celebrate your feasts, O Judah.”*** This indicates that YHVH is pleased with the time of the Feast Days that Judah keeps.

We must remember that YHVH is not an Elohim of confusion and during the last few years we have seen much confusion regarding the calendar. The question is: Should every person be allowed to

decide on his own calendar? As you have seen, this year, there are some fellowships in the USA, where they look for the moon in their own back yard. Once they see the moon locally, they decide, that that is the New Year. However, I believe that, if we are going to watch for the New Moon to determine the time of the New Year and the Set-apart Days of YHVH, then at least it should be a New Year only when the new moon is seen after the Barley is in Aviv in Jerusalem? Are we supposed to follow our own understanding regarding the calendar or the Oracles/Words of YHVH?

Scriptures warn against this very thing, which became the in thing during these last days. It also warns that we should not follow one another or other believers or leaders in determining our own calendars. We read this warning in Jeremiah 23 verses 30 – 36 as follows: ***“Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares YHVH, “who steals My words from each other. “Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams,” declares YHVH, “and related them, and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit,” declares YHVH. “Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks you saying, ‘What is the oracle of YHVH?’ then you shall say to them, ‘What oracle?’ YHVH declares, ‘I shall abandon you.’ Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, ‘The oracle of YHVH,’ I shall bring punishment upon that man and his household. “Thus shall each of you say to his neighbor and to his brother, ‘What has YHVH answered?’ or, ‘What has YHVH spoken?’ “For you will no longer remember the oracle of YHVH because every man’s own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living Elohim, YHVH of hosts, our Elohim.”***

YHVH tells us that we will forget His Oracles because every man’s own word will become the oracle and that we have perverted the word of the living Elohim. Has this not happened in our day? In addition we read in Romans 11: 11 that we are supposed to make our Jewish Brothers jealous. Are we really making our Rabbinical Jewish brothers jealous if we keep different Feast days to what they do? (Also see Deuteronomy 32: 21).

The above are but a few of the things that we as Nazarenes cannot agree about. Are we concerned about these many differences in our beliefs? Do we really care about doing things according to the way of YHVH? I believe that Yahshua has given us a ministry of reconciliation. Should we not therefore go all out to make sure that we become one in our faith in keeping the Commandments of YHVH and the testimony of Yahshua?

Brethren, in case this does not worry you, I have a final warning, which shows that Satan and His agents are going all out to take the final swipe at destroying us. The Roman Catholic Church has a program, which is more than 523 years in the making. The program is called Project Vatican. In the year 2000 Phase V Strategy 2 was announced: It is the blueprint for the restoration of the Global Kingdom of Jesus Christ. This sounds very similar to the way we believe, i.e. that Yahshua is soon returning to rule us from Jerusalem for 1000 years. However it is nothing like what we believe, as can be seen from the paragraph below:

“Dilution of the eschatological models of Biblical prophecies by means of extra – biblical revelations. (We know that this can not be as we read in Revelation 22: 18 – “I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, Elohim shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book.”) The last bastion of Protestantism will fall once the masses of uneducated Christian fundamentalists are no longer able to defend and promote their “last days” interpretations of the prophetic books of the Bible, due to the continuing modern-day revelations and miracles associated with the Church of Rome. With the removal of the so-called “papal threat” from the pulpits of Reformation congregations, the ecumenical movement implemented by Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council will be able to proceed unfettered by hermeneutical separation.”

O Yes, we are not Fundamental Christianity, after all we are Nazarene or Messianic. You and I are convinced of that fact, but I can assure you that the Roman Catholics see us as nothing more

than Fundamental Christians. In fact they are not too concerned about us at this stage, because they say that eventually we will self-destruct as can be seen from the Core of Strategy 2 below:

“Christian fundamentalism is fragmented at an almost daily rate due to the practice of ‘Multiplication by division’ that is a recurring result of the constant analysis of eschatological minutia. Young fundamentalists, as well as so-called ‘Easter Sunday’ Christians can easily conclude that the study of Biblical ‘end-times’ prophecies are of negligible consequences, providing fertile soil for their indoctrination into the messages received through apparitions of Jesus and Mary.”

The World-wide Church of G-d, a fundamental Christian group, who used to number close to 140,000 in their hey day, has finally during the last few years gone back to Sunday worship. They used to keep the Sabbath, the Set-apart days of YHVH, eating Kosher according to Leviticus 23. However, their leaders in those days, refused to allow their people to use the Set-apart Names of our Father YHVH and His son Yahshua. There are still a few of them keeping to their original doctrines, however, they are only about 20,000 strong today and scattered into more than 250 different groups. We continue to see them as our brothers in Messiah, despite the fact that they do not use the Set-apart names, nor do they believe in the Oneness of YHVH our Elohim.

At this point in time, we need to decide – do we eventually want to go back to where we come from, like most of their members did. Most of their members went back to the churches of the world, like the Methodists, Presbyterian, Dutch Reform, Baptists and even the Roman Catholic churches. Are we going to continue to major in the minors and are we going to follow these groups and continue in our confusion? Are we prepared to seriously consider all our differences and reason together to see how we can become truly united in our Nazarene Jewish faith?

Chapter 19: Comfort Zone.

The lesson of life is that we are born, we grow up, we live and then we die. It is appointed for all men once to die. That is the same with the world; even though it has been around for centuries, eventually the world or the system or society of the world, as we know it, will come to an end. Yes the cells in our bodies are regenerated every seven years – over and over again, however, in the end we still die

People in the world do not believe YHVH. When YHVH Elohim commanded man, saying: ***“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die”.***

We know that Adam did not die the very day that they ate from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil – or did he? Who lied to Adam; was it YHVH Elohim or was it Satan? To answer this question, we should understand that according to The Scriptures; a thousand years is to our Father YHVH like one day (see Psalm 90: 4 and 2 Peter 3: 8). In Genesis 5: 5 we read: ***“So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.”*** From this verse we see that Adam died within the first thousand years of his life, and since a thousand years is to YHVH like one day, Adam died in the day that he ate of the fruit of good and evil. So we can see that Satan the deceiver of the whole world was the liar here.

Listening to my sister and my brother in law talking about religion, I realized that most people still believe that the world will come right; that people will improve; criminals will stop their crime in this age, if they the ‘religious people of the world’, continue to do good deeds and pray for things to come right. People believe that they and their churches or cell groups will eventually get criminals and other evil doers to join their churches or cell groups and ultimately the whole world will become a ‘g-d fearing’ happy family; with no crime and violence, for ever and ever. Do we believe that too? Are we able to pray and the world will come right? Did not Yahshua say and I paraphrase: ***“whatever you ask His Father in His*** (Yahshua’s)

name that He will give us.” O yes, Yahshua definitely said that – however, we must ask all that we ask according to the Father’s will. A few years ago, my eldest son got married on the 13th of December. The ceremony was under a Chupa and the guests sat in the open air. Our weather in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa was absolutely atrocious. The wind blew at gale force for the previous two weeks. Yet most of us prayed earnestly for good weather for the wedding – and it was granted us by our Almighty Father. The wind promptly stopped blowing on the morning of the wedding and started blowing at gale force from the next morning on for another few days. So, yes YHVH does answer our prayers.

However, does our Father want this evil world (or age) to last forever? I do not think so. This world is in a mess: there are ongoing wars, famine, drought and disease. Confusion reigns supreme in this world. However, people believe that the next new human leader will resolve all their problems. Satan uses the confusion in the world to keep the human race blinded to the truth according to 2 Corinthians 4: 4 Satan is the g-d of this world, who blinds the minds of the unbelievers not to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim.

This world is in a state of total confusion – like Babylon. According to Revelation 18:4 our Father wants us to **“Come out of her my people”**. YHVH wants us to live in the world, but not be part of the systems of the world. YHVH wants us to live in the world and be a light to the people in the world. Yahshua lived in the world proclaiming the only real solution to the problems of the world – The coming Kingdom of Elohim. After six thousand years of man’s rule on earth, the world as we know it is in real trouble and our problems are escalating on a daily basis. However, there is some good news for humankind; Yahshua is returning to come and rule us for a thousand years from Jerusalem. That is the good news or gospel that Yahshua preached whilst he was on earth 2000 years ago. We need to start preaching that gospel – the only lasting solution to the problems in this world.

During the millennium we will live in perfect harmony, according to the teachings/Torah of YHVH. Yahshua came to show us how to

live obeying the law with a Spiritual intent. The churches of the world do not know or preach the true gospel. They believe that John 3: 16 is the true gospel. The fact that our Father loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life, is indeed very good news. However, few people know that that is not the true gospel. O yes Yahshua came to be our kinsman redeemer and paid the penalty for the sins of the world, including ours. He died in our stead – however, we must never forget that He was resurrected from the grave, three days after His death. He returned to His and our Father in heaven, so that the Set-apart Spirit could come to help us live in this evil dying world, until now, very soon Yahshua will return to come and rule the world for a thousand years from Jerusalem.

The people in the world do not want Yahshua to return to rule us, they want the churches of this world to fix the problems of the world, so that they may continue to worship their G-d, the way the pagans worship their Mighty Ones, by keeping pagan holidays like Christmas, Easter and Sunday. In fact they are comfortable keeping these pagan holidays – it is a comfort zone for most.

However, that is definitely not what our Father wants. In Jeremiah 10: 1 – 5 we read: ***‘Hear the word which YHVH speaks to you, O house of Israel. Thus says YHVH, “Do not learn the way of the nations (gentiles), And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them; For the customs of the peoples are delusion; Because it is wood cut from the forest, The work of the hands of the craftsman with a cutting tool. They decorate it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers so that it will not totter. Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they, and they cannot speak; they must be carried, because they cannot walk! Do not fear them, for they can do no harm, nor can they do any good.”*** Christmas can never bring peace on earth as it is a pagan festival, nor can any of the other pagan festival bring peace – so why celebrate these pagan feast days. In Mark 7: 7 & 8 we read: ***“But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” “Neglecting the commandment of Elohim, you hold to the tradition of men.”***

However, no matter how many new churches or new cell groups people start up – the problems will continue to escalate, until we are forced to cry for help. We will eventually be forced to pray for Yahshua to return to fix this world up. If we really want to bring an end to the problems facing the world, we will start praying in all earnest for the Kingdom of Elohim to come on the earth, as it is in heaven, like Yahshua taught us, His disciples to pray for the Kingdom of Elohim to come on earth as it is in heaven (see Matthew 6: 10).

The true gospel was preached by Yahshua as we read in Mark 1: 14 & 15: ***‘And after John had been taken into custody, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of Elohim, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”’***

Even with our best intentions we cannot and will not obey our Father. In Jeremiah 17: 9 we read: ***“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately wicked; who can understand it?”*** By their disobedience to the commandments of YHVH in the Garden of Eden, our forebears implied that they wanted to decide for themselves what is right and wrong. They did not want to listen to the teachings of YHVH – to know what is right and what is wrong. Our forebears acted just like most teenage children of today. Whatever we as parents tell our child not to do that is exactly what they will do. Tell them that smoking is detrimental to their health and they will go right ahead and try it. Mankind does not want to be prescribed to as to what they should or should not do. Satan has indeed deceived the whole world as it states in Revelation 12: 9. He wants us to be rebellious like he is. He knows that his time is short and continues to deceive mankind daily.

The President of South Africa has over the past three years, continued to voice his concern about the fact that we as a nation have not reached our goal yet; in that we have not managed to eradicate poverty during the past 10 years of ANC rule in South Africa. The President like many people in the world believes that

they can solve the problems of the world during this age. When Yahshua was on the earth He said in Mark 14: 7 ***“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish, you can do them good; but you do not always have Me.”*** The current government cannot eradicate poverty, nor could the previous government or any future government. No world government can bring everlasting peace, no matter whom or where they are in the world. The only lasting solution to the many problems facing the world is for the Kingdom of Elohim to come.

Instead of celebrating these pagan festivals, we should start celebrating the appointed times of YHVH, as given in Leviticus 23. When we start obeying YHVH by keeping His Torah, we will understand that YHVH has a plan of salvation for all mankind. Christmas was never our Messiah’s birthday and most people know that, so why continue to spread the lie year after year. Why not start getting used to the appointed times and laws of YHVH, given us in His Torah. These are the same appointed times and Laws that the people will obey in the world tomorrow during the millennium rule of Yahshua the Messiah.

Our Father is calling us to come out of the world – Babylon. The confusion of keeping a pagan festival like Christmas and singing false carols in celebration of the so-called birthday of Yahshua is perpetuating the lie that people tell their children every year. Why not break the on-going cycle of lies and confusion and keep the real Feast Days commanded by our Father YHVH our Elohim. Why not start getting used to the things that we would do in the world tomorrow – eating kosher and keeping the festivals of YHVH. YHVH calls us to start living correctly, during this age so that we become a type of first fruits to show the way to the coming Kingdom of Elohim – like Yahshua showed us during His life on earth. We read about this in James 1: 18 as follows: ***“In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.”***

YHVH wants us to show the world the way to His everlasting Kingdom – like Yahshua showed us. He died and was resurrected as the first of the first fruits to be born from above. We have to die to

this world by becoming immersed in Yahshua's saving Name. After immersion and the laying on of hands, we get given a portion of the Ruach HaKodesh (the very essence of YHVH). The portion of the Set-apart spirit of YHVH combines with our spirit after immersion, giving us the opportunity to be born again. When Yahshua returns, we that are alive shall be changed and the dead in Him shall be resurrected and be given eternal life in the Kingdom of Elohim.

We, who have been immersed (***“those in Messiah at His coming”*** – 1 Corinthians 15: 23), will be changed or resurrected at Yahshua's return to rule with Him from Jerusalem for one thousand years. After the 1000 years are over the unjust and the unsaved will be resurrected. Those who never knew Yahshua will be taught the commandments and good news written in The Scriptures. Most of them will repent and be given a portion of the Set-apart spirit. After living out their lives as humans for one hundred years, they will also be changed into spiritual sons and daughters of Elohim. The unjust and those who do not repent will be thrown into the lake of fire to be burned-up, becoming ashes under the feet of the righteous. That in a nutshell is the plan of salvation for all mankind. Are you still deceived, sitting in your comfort zone, believing that you are able to change this present world by starting new churches or cell groups to fix the problems facing this world, or are we going to start living according to the Torah of YHVH, praying for the Kingdom of Elohim to come soon.

Chapter 20: Where do we go from here?

YHVH reveals His Plan of Salvation for all mankind through His Set-Apart Days. We, who have been in the Assembly for a number of years, know the plan of YHVH. However, once we have completed the Feast cycle a number of times, where do we go from here?

The question we need to ask ourselves at this point in time is: What does YHVH expect of us? When Messiah returns He will reward each one of us according to his works, the positive fruits that result from an accumulated attitude and character developed over time will be rewarded with a better position – rulership over more cities. We must not forget that according to 1 Peter 4:17 that: Judgment is now (during this age) upon the household of YHVH.

In Matthew 16: 27 we read ***“For the Son of Man is going to come in the Esteem of His Father with His angels, and will then recompense every man according to his deeds”***. Elohim looks upon the heart, seeing what we are really like. He expects us to emulate (or copy) Messiah in all we think and do.

In 1 Peter 2: 21 we read: ***“For you have been called for this purpose since Yahshua also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”*** In many places in the Scriptures we are able to see what YHVH expects of us.

In Romans 12: 1 we read: ***“I urge you therefore brethren, by the mercies of Elohim to present your bodies a living sacrifice, acceptable to Elohim”*** and in verse 2 we read: ***“and do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of Elohim is.”*** In Romans 12 we may really see what is expected of us from the first verse to the last verse. In the final verse (21) we read: ***“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”***. YHVH expects us to stop being evil and to start doing well. If we believe in YHVH or if we have faith in Him, we ought to show our faith by producing good works.

In James 2: 20 – 22 and 24 we read: ***“But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?” “Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?” “You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works faith was perfected.” “You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.”*** The way that we live, how we treat others and how we respond to the laws of YHVH, should and will reflect what we believe and whether we are in harmony with His ways or not.

In 1 Peter 1: 14 – 16 we read: ***“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Set-Apart One, who called you, be Set-Apart yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written ‘you shall be Set-Apart, for I am Set-Apart.’”***

Do we know what this means – where was this written? It was written in Leviticus 11: 45. ***“For I am YHVH who brought you up from the Land of Egypt to be your El, thus you shall be Set-Apart as I am Set-Apart.”*** Prior to verse 45 of Leviticus 11 we find instructions as to what animals YHVH Set-apart (or sanctified) for us to eat and what we should not eat.

Peter in 1 Peter 1: 16 therefore spoke of an ongoing need for the people of Elohim to be Set-apart – keeping His Commandments, including those in respect of clean and unclean meats.

However, these are not the only things we need to do. In Colossians 3: 8 we read: ***“But now you also put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander and abusive speech from your mouth”.*** Do not lie to one another since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices. We also read in Ephesians 5: 3 - 4. ***“But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you as is proper among Set-apart ones; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk or coarse jesting, which are not fitting but rather giving thanks”.***

We are destined to become Kings and Priests in the World Tomorrow.

The truth about our human potential should inspire us to put aside our previous ways. It should inspire us to do well. We should as it says in Romans 12: 14 say ***“Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not”***, and in verse 18 ***“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”*** The clear New Covenant message is that YHVH wants doers not hearers who delude themselves. But one who looks intently at the perfect Torah, the Torah of liberty and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer, but an effectual doer, this man shall be Set-Apart in what he does.

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We believe:

- That there is only one Elohim, which is Almighty יהוה. Written as four vowels IAUE (in English) and pronounced Yah-oo-e, or in its short form Yahweh/YHVH. In Deuteronomy 6: 4 YHVH states: **"Hear, O Israel – YHVH is your Elohim – YHVH is ONE (ECHAD)."** In Deuteronomy 32: 39 YHVH says: **"See now that I am HE, AND there is no Elohim besides Me"**
- That YHVH reveals Himself in many ways, characteristics and personalities, which includes, but are not limited to the Heavenly Father, Yahshua the Son, the Word, the Messiah, the Angel or Messenger of YHVH¹³ and the Set Apart Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh). That Yahshua is part of YHVH and is the Physical Image of the Invisible Elohim YHVH.¹⁴ He is the Messiah who died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to give assurance of both our forgiveness and everlasting life. In John 8: 24 Yahshua says: **"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am HE, you shall die in your sins."** He also said in John 10: 30 that **"I and the Father are one"**. In 1 Tim 3: 16 we read **"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: Elohim was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"**.

¹³ Gen 48: 16 (Amplified Bible) the redeeming Angel (not a created being, but YHVH Himself).

¹⁴ Gen. 1:26 Then Elohim Said, "Let Us make man in Our Image, according to Our likeness;" Yahshua is the Image/likeness of Elohim – see 2 Corinthians 4: 4 & Col. 1: 15.

- That Yahshua was born of a virgin and lived a sinless life in accordance with the (Torah) Commandments of Elohim. He was crucified for the atonement of His people and was resurrected on the third day, ascended to heaven from where He will return to usher in the Kingdom of YHVH and will rule the world from Jerusalem.
- That the Bible, which include both the old and the new Covenants, is the divinely inspired and literal Word of YHVH as originally written.
- That the Law, which includes the 613 laws stipulated in the first five books of the Bible, should be observed by all those who want to worship YHVH our Elohim. The Ten Commandments being part and parcel of these 613 laws. The Law is the teachings of Elohim and we see them as the rules according to which we 'live the game of life'. Keeping of the Law can not bring us salvation, as we know that salvation is the free gift of YHVH our Elohim, given to those that love and obey Him. We show our love and obedience to YHVH by keeping His Commandments. These laws regulate moral precepts; dietary regulations; agricultural science; financial success; sexual behavior and religious practice.
- That, as part of the commandments we keep the biblical Sabbath, being the seventh day of the week or Saturday according to the Gregorian calendar in use today. We also keep the biblical Holy Days, ordained by YHVH in Leviticus 23. These Holy Days depict the plan of salvation of YHVH for all mankind and are commanded to be kept forever. We also obey the Commandments regarding clean and unclean meats as specified by YHVH in Leviticus 11. We do this to show our obedience to YHVH and to remain set apart or holy, as YHVH stated in Leviticus 11: 45 ***"You shall be Holy for I am Holy"***.
- That we should be proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of YHVH as a witness to all nations and the return of Yahshua the Messiah to the earth to come and rule His people from Jerusalem for a thousand years. Those who believe and practice what Yahshua taught and who overcome, will rule with Yahshua for a thousand years.

- That we as Nazarenes are watchmen over the people of Israel and specifically over Judah.¹⁵ We have a duty to proclaim the Messiah Yahshua, first to the Jews and then to the (Ephraimites and) Gentiles. As watchman we must let the light of Yahshua shine through us. We need to watch over the souls bestowed to us by YHVH and should always praise Him and make intercession for His people, asking Him to save the remnant of Israel.
- That the key given to those who wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is, as stated in Acts 4: 12: ***"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved."*** In John 10:9 Yahshua said: ***"I am the Door; if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved"***. The disciple Peter knew what the Key was, as Yahshua said to him in Matt 16: 19 ***"I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"***. When asked what they should do, by those to whom he preached to in Acts 2: 38: ***'Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Set Apart Spirit."***

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¹⁵ Proclaiming Messiah Yahshua has to do with the gospel and as Rav Shaul puts it in Romans 1: 16 ***'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of Elohim for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.'*** We also read in Zechariah 12: 7 that Judah will be saved first, as follows: ***"YHVH also will save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah."*** In addition the word Nazarene (watchmen) is used only three times in the First Covenant, and every-where it is mentioned, it has to do with only Ephraim. In Jeremiah 31: 6 we read: ***"For there shall be a day when watchmen, on the hills of Ephraim shall call out, 'Arise and let us go up to Zion, To YHVH our Elohim."*** Zion is understood to be simile for the Jewish religion (or Jerusalem), as we read in Romans 11: 26 ***"The Deliverer will come from Zion"***, meaning that Yahshua our Messiah was from the tribe of Judah. This might also be the validation for what is written in Zechariah 8: 23 ***"Thus says YHVH of hosts, 'In those days ten men (Ephraimites) from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you."***

- **Satan has succeeded in selling his own desires as well as his final destination to his deceived audience. We know that he wanted to take over the throne of YHVH. He said:” I will make myself like the most High.” (Second part Isaiah 14: 14). Being a spirit being, he cannot die and will be tormented forever. (See Luke 20: 36 - Yahshua said that angels cannot die - therefore Satan being a fallen angel cannot die). Also see Revelation 20: 10 - Satan will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Churchianity believing Satan’s lie that they are like him immortal, believe that ‘good’ people go to heaven, whilst the wicked, go to hell to burn there eternally. However, this doctrine is inspired by Satan and is nowhere to be found in The Scriptures. (Page 48: What is Satan’s Destiny?)**

- **YHVH desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2: 4). However, He does not want to save all now (see Mark 4: 11& 12). He is calling first fruits at this time through his word of truth (James 1:18) and if they overcome and are part of the first resurrection, they will rule as kings and priests, on the earth, under Messiah, for a thousand years (Revelation 5: 10). The concept of first fruits implies that there must also be second fruits. Those who will be resurrected after the millennium, who never knew YHVH during their lifetime, will get their first opportunity to get to know Him at that time. They will be given a chance to make an informed decision as to whether they want to follow the way of life of YHVH or not (See page 23: YHVH our Elohim’s plan of salvation for All Humankind.) Those who rebel against the way of life of YHVH, as well as the wicked that knew YHVH during this age and rebelled against His Torah lifestyle, like Satan did, will become ashes under the feet of the righteous (Malachi 4: 3).**

- **However, YHVH does not want the ones called during this age to think that they are better than the ones who will be resurrected after the Millennium. We read about this in 1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 29 (paraphrased as follows): Not many wise men now are called, not many noble - YHVH calls the foolish things of the world now, so that He may shame the strong and wise of the world one day - Why? So that no flesh should glory, but rather boast in HIM!**